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U.K. loses two ships

LONDON, May 26 (R) — Britain said Wednesday it lost a destroyer and a supply vessel in Argentine air attacks on its Falklands fleet and that 24 of its men had been killed in the action.

Defense Secretary John Nott told Parliament that the 3,500-ton destroyer *Coventry* had been bombed and later capsized during Tuesday's Argentine attacks and that the 15,000-ton container ship *Atlantic Conveyor* had been abandoned.

Nott said that 20 sailors died and 20 were injured on the *Coventry* and that four men were killed on *the Atlantic Conveyor*.

A small number of men were injured on the *Atlantic Conveyor*, Nott said. The casualties bring the reported British death toll to 99 in the campaign to regain the remote South Atlantic islands seized by Argentine forces April 2.

Nott said 10 more destroyers and frigates had joined the task force in the past two days. The *Coventry* was the fourth British warship lost in the battle for the Falklands. Nott also said British forces which had established a bridgehead on the Falklands on Friday were now poised to move on the main Argentine garrison in the capital, Port Stanley.

"Our forces on the ground are now poised to begin their thrust on Port Stanley," Nott said. "Behind them are another 3,000 men ... while reinforcements and re-supplies are virtually denied the Argentine garrison on the island."

Nott said four Skyhawk fighter-bombers were shot down in the attacks on the *Coventry*. Earlier an aircraft on a reconnaissance mission had been brought down, he said.

He said that more than 50 fixed-wing Argentine planes had been shot down in the Falklands conflict. The Defense Secretary said the survivors from the *Coventry* and the Atlantic surveyor had been safely transferred to other ships in the task force. He said the *Coventry* had a crew of 280 and there were 170 aboard the container ship.

In Buenos Aires, a military source said Argentine air attacks on the British task force are part of a "vast offensive" to destroy the British bridgehead at Port San Carlos.

Fuel dumps and military equipment taken onshore by the British troops at Port San Carlos were the target of heavy bombing Tuesday, the source said. The source said the next 48 hours will be decisive for the counter-offensive launched by the Argentine land and air forces.

Meanwhile, the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday gave Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar what he termed the "very difficult mission" of renewing his peace efforts and trying to arrange a truce in the Falklands conflict within a week.

By a unanimous vote, the council adopted a resolution directing the Secretary-General to undertake a renewed mission of good offices and to immediately contact both Argentina and Britain "with a view to negotiating mutually acceptable terms for a cease-fire." He was told to report back to the council "as soon as possible and in any case not later than seven days."

U.S. leads rest

Arms spending hits $650b

STOCKHOLM, May 26 (AFP) — The world spent almost $650 billion ($518 billion at 1979 rates) on arms in 1981. Both the United States and the Soviet Union increased arms expenditure, the 13th report of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) said Wednesday. But Japan was noted for its moderation.

SIPRI is a wholly independent non-political body founded in 1966 to monitor world arms sales. It estimated that the U.S. and Soviet Union each possess firepower equivalent to 8 billion tons of TNT. SIPRI said that world arms sales have increased by three percent annually over the past four years since 1978.

In 1981, the United States spent $134 billion on arms and the Soviet Union $118 billion (both at 1979 rates). SIPRI noted that this gave the Soviet Union a quantitative supremacy, but the United States retained its technological advantage in the fields of computers and micro-electronics. Both superpowers have increased their research on space satellites, and SIPRI emphasizes their growing role in nuclear strategy.

Arms spending in the Middle East last year totalled $43.9 billion, up a significant 21 percent from 1980. According to SIPRI, Saudi Arabia purchased arms worth $22.45 billion in 1981, up from $18.47 billion the previous year. Oman doubled its arms spending in two years, reaching $1.44 billion last year, the report said.

The SIPRI study gave no precise figures for Iran and Iraq, involved in a costly war over Iran's oil-producing Khuzistan province since September 1980. But it said Iraq had received substantial financial aid from Arab states, including a $2 billion loan from Kuwait, and had bought about that amount worth of arms during the period 1979 to 1981.

The SIPRI report gave few specifics on arms spending by Israel and Egypt but said both countries had decreased buying since 1977. The study said the United States would furnish $1.4 billion in military aid to each in 1982.

The Soviet Union was the world's largest seller of conventional heavy arms with 36.5 percent of the market. The United States was second with 33.6 percent, and France was third with 9.7 percent.

U.S. takes step to sell Israel F-16s

WASHINGTON, May 26 (Agencies) — The U.S. administration has informed Congress of its intention to sell Israel 75 new F-16 fighters, informed Defense Department sources said early Wednesday.

If it is not opposed by Congress, the $ 2.5 billion sale would be the largest to Israel in four years. In 1978, Congress allowed the sale of 75 F-16 jets and 15 F-15 aircraft, then worth $ 1.9 billion.

Congress received word of the sale Monday, a day before Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon met with Caspar Weinberger, his U.S. counterpart, according to the Defense Department sources. A public announcement of such a sale is generally made 20 days after the initial notification to Congress. Legislators then have 30 days in which to block the sale by a majority vote of both houses.

The new delivery, if unopposed as expected, would double the number of F-16 fighters in the Israeli Air Force. In addition, 15 new F-15 fighters were sold Tuesday, bringing to 51 the number of those aircraft in Israel.

Meanwhile, the Senate Foreign relations committee approved President Reagan's request for $ 1.7 billion in U.S. military aid to Israel next year but changed the makeup. The president asked $ 1.2 billion for military credit sales and $ 500 million in grants that Israel will not have to repay. The committee changed the $ 1.7 billion to $ 850 million in military credit sales and $ 850 million in grants.

A high Pentagon official said Tuesday Weinberger will make an official visit to Israel at the end of August or start of September. The official said that Weinberger had informed Sharon during a talk at the Pentagon of his decision to visit Israel.

The spokesman told a briefing he expected no decision to emerge from the Weinberger-Sharon meeting to restore the mutual cooperation agreement, suspended by the United States last fall after Israel annexed Syria's Golan Heights. Although Weinberger has reacted strongly to Israeli military actions in the past, the spokesman said " No, I do not " expect the course of the talks to be affected by a just-announced dogfight over Lebanon in which the Israelis claim to have shot down two Syrian warplanes.

Iran spells terms for peace with Iraq

TEHRAN, May 26 (Agencies) — Iran appeared Wednesday to have made the removal of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein a precondition for a negotiated settlement of the 20-month-old Gulf war. "We harbor no territorial ambitions, but we are determined to achieve our right," said Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali-Akbar Rafsanjani in a speech marking Iran's capture of Khorramshahr from Iraq.

"Iran will not forgo any of its rights. We will get the last bit of our rights and our greatest right is the overthrow of Saddam," Rafsanjani told an open session of parliament Tuesday. His speech was reported at length by Iran's official Irna news agency Wednesday.

Ayatollah Khomeini has frequently called for Saddam's downfall since the beginning of the war. But Rafsanjani's assertion that the Iraqi president's overthrow was Iran's "greatest right" suggested the Tehran government would not enter into any peace negotiations with the current regime in Baghdad.

Rafsanjani assured other Gulf states that Iran had no "intentions against your lands, but Saddam has committed so many crimes."

Iranian Oil Minister Muhammad Gharazi said in a British Broadcasting Corporation broadcast Wednesday that "there is no question of negotiations with the Saddam regime." We have lost thousands of lives and many of our cities have been devastated or destroyed, and hundreds of millions of dollars' damage has been inflicted upon us, (so) it is our right to ask for the overthrow of the Saddam regime by the Iraqi people," he said.

Gharazi, a leading Islamic leader stopped in London Tuesday on his way home from the meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Quito, Ecuador. Despite the Iranian victory at Khorramshahr, Gharazi said he didn't foresee a quick end to the war.

"I don't think the war is going to end," he said. "I think Iran has prepared itself for a long war, perhaps for many years." Asked what Iran's conditions for peace were, Gharazi replied bluntly. "The least we can expect is the overthrow of Saddam."

Also interviewed was a leading member of the Iranian parliament, Fakhruddin Hejazi, who said the governments of other Gulf states have nothing to fear from Iranian victory.

Iran announced Wednesday it is holding 40,000 Iraqi soldiers in military camps throughout the country. Government spokesman Ahmad Tavakili told a press conference that Iranian forces had captured 40,124 Iraqis since the war started, Irna reported.

Tehran radio said meanwhile that 3,000 Iraqi prisoners of war arrived in Tehran Wednesday by train from the southern province of Khuzestan. They were the first batch of some 12,000 soldiers Iran says it captured in while retaking the key city of Khorramshahr two days ago. IRNA said thousands of Iraqi prisoners were being sent to other cities as there was not enough camps for them in Tehran.

Irna said the situation was normal in Khorramshahr and the city's police department resumed its activities after 20 months. Iranian forces were also reviving a number of border posts captured by Iraqis at the start of the war.

In Washington, Prince Hassan of Jordan said after meeting Secretary of State Alexander Haig that he feared the conflict between Iran and Iraq could jeopardize the Gulf region if not contained by Islamic mediation efforts.

U.S. detains plane with '100 bombs'

NEW YORK, May 26 (Agencies) — An Ecuadoran cargo jet carrying "more than 100 high impact Israeli bombs" that had the capacity to "blow up the entire area" has been detained at Kennedy Airport. The plane was reported to be on its way to Argentina.

The Ecuadorian Airlines Boeing 707 was detained "regarding the licensing of the merchandise," U.S. customs spokesman Michael Kaufman said. He would not elaborate on the plane's cargo and said all further information would come from the U.S. State Department. A spokesman there, Rich Sherman, said no new information on the plane would be released until later Wednesday.

Nancy Greenberg, a spokesman for the port authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the airport, said the plane was carrying "licenseable munitions" or "military equipment." But Gustavo Izurieta, speaking for the government-owned Ecuadoran airline, said the plane was carrying "airplane parts and a turbine." He added, "there might be some other military equipment."

Izurieta noted that the plane had stopped in Ireland before landing at Kennedy but he was not sure if it originated somewhere in Europe or perhaps Israel.

Meanwhile, New York television station NBC-TV's "Newscenter Four" program said it learned from sources that the plane contained "more than 100 high impact Israeli bombs," that had the capacity to "blow up the entire airport..." It also said the plane may have been headed for Argentina.

Death toll rises to 21 in France

AIRE-SUR-L'ADOUR, France, May 26 (AP) — The death toll from the fire that ravaged a psychiatric-medical center for disturbed youths in southern France rose to 21 Wednesday and firemen continued to search for the body of one person still listed as missing.

The latest figure given by local officials in Aire-Sur-l'Adour, a community of about 7,000 inhabitants 120 kilometers southwest of Bordeaux, listed nine others as injured in the fire that broke out Tuesday morning. Officials said one of the dead was a nurse at the center and the rest were students.

Fire investigators are working on the assumption that the fire at the Jean Sarrailh Center was deliberately set. Minister of Health Jack Ralite visited the scene of the tragedy late Tuesday and denied some reports that the center's facilities had not conformed with safety regulations.

Missing gets Cannes award

CANNES, May 26 (AFP) — The controversial U.S. entry *Missing*, by French-based director Constantin Costa-Gavras, shared the prestigious Golden Palm award at the Cannes film festival Wednesday with *Yol*, by Yilmaz Guney of Turkey.

Although the award to *Missing* had been widely expected since the start of the festival, the announcement drew a few boos. *Yol*, however, was a popular choice to share the prize, which was voted unanimously by the jury.

La Notte Di San Lorenzo, by Paolo and Vittorio Taviani of Italy, won the special Jury Grand Prize — an award which, the jury stressed, had a different purpose but was "of the same level" as the Golden Palm.

Michelangelo Antonioni was honored with a special 35th festival anniversary award for both his film entry, *Identificazione Di Une Donna* and the consistent up-to-date nature of his work as a whole.

West Germany's Werner Herzog took top directing honors for the "powerful inspiration and daring" of his *Fitzcarraldo*, while the best actor prize went to Jack Lemmon of the United States for *Missing* and the best actress prize to Poland's Jadwiga Aankowska-Cieslak in the Hungarian film *Another Way*.

It was the second win at Cannes for Jack Lemmon, aged 58. In 1979, he was honored for his role in *The China Syndrome*. Chosen as best screenplay was Jerzy Skolimovski's *Moonlighting*, a British entry.

Costa-Gavras, whose film "Z" won the 1969 Oscar for the best foreign film, was born in 1930 in Athens of a Russian father and a Greek mother. *Missing*, another in Costa-Gavras' series of politico-thrillers, focuses on the case of a young American who disappeared in Chile during the September 1973 military coup against Salvador Allende.

Yilmaz Guneh, whose *Yol* was a last-minute entry at Cannes, escaped last October while on leave from a Turkish jail where he was serving a 19-year sentence for murder. He had also received later sentences for political activities carried out while in jail.

His film told the story of a group of prisoners in a Turkish jail who were granted permission to return briefly to their homes during a religious holiday.

The Taviani brothers also won their second Cannes award, after taking the Golden Palm for *Padre Padrone* in 1977. Vittorio, 52, and Paolo, 50, told the story in *La Nozze Di San Lorenzo* of a summer night in 1944 when a group of Italians set out to conquer their freedom after refusing German orders to assemble in a cathedral.

French premier meets Lebanese president

BEIRUT, May 26 (Agencies) — French Premier Pierre Mauroy flew to Beirut Wednesday and met with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis in the aftermath of a bombing at the French Embassy that claimed 14 lives.

Mauroy, whose one-day visit was not announced until he was enroute from Paris for security reasons, was greeted at Beirut international airport by Lebanese Tourism Minister Marwan Hamadeh and France's Ambassador to Lebanon Paul Marc Henry.

Mauroy, dressed in a blue suit and black tie, was heavily guarded by French security officers and Lebanese gendarmes. He was immediately whisked off in a military helicopter to the presidential palace in the hillside neighborhood of Baabda. The premier was to attend a service Wednesday night at the Palais des Pins residence of the French ambassador for the victims of the bombing Monday when a booby-trapped car driven by embassy secretary Anna Cosmidis, 22, exploded inside the embassy compound.

A French government spokesman said the trip by Mauroy was "to affirm French presence in Lebanon and in this region of the world and the will to face up to terrorism."

The car bombing was the latest in a series of French targets to be attacked in recent months. France's former ambassador to Lebanon, Louis Delamare, was assassinated last September and in April French embassy communications officer Guy Cavallo and his pregnant wife were shot to death in a killing linked by French officials to the international terrorist known as "Carlos."

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Crown Prince Fahd says

Region to suffer if war continues

RIYADH, May 26 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd has reiterated that the continuation or expansion of the Iraq-Iran war will only be at the expense of the stability and safety of the region. He laid emphasis on peaceful efforts by all means as the other alternative will mean destruction of the region's power, thereby making it incapable of facing the real danger now threatening the whole Arab nation.

Prince Fahd said in an interview with *Al-Riyadh* Wednesday that this war is threatening the stability of the region in the present circumstances. He endorsed the positive stances of the Gulf Cooperation Council states which attempt at bringing about peace and stopping bloodshed between Iraq and Iran.

Referring to hectic contacts now being made at different levels to reach a common stance on containing the war, he said that United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahyan's initiative, the extraordinary session of the GCC foreign ministers and Foreign Minister Prince Saud

"The reasons which led Zaire to break ties with Israel still stood; therefore, there is no justification for the step Zaire has taken."

Al-Faisal's tour were all directed toward the achievement of this goal.

On Israel's re-entry into Africa, Prince Fahd said the Kingdom's move toward Zaire's decision to restore its relations with Israel was quick. It is most necessary to adopt a firm and quick stance at the Arab and Islamic level, in order to encounter a step like Zaire's and to discourage Israel from staging a come-back in Africa, he added.

Arab links with Africa are larger than financial aid as there exists a comprehensive cooperation and an age-long common history of struggle against colonialism and all forms of racial discrimination. In addition, they have a meeting ground for political and economic interests and, as emerging nations, they are trying to rebuild their societies, he added.

Prince Fahd said that Africa, being alert to the Israeli danger, used to protect itself and stop Israel's infiltration into its entity. When Zaire and other African states severed their ties with Israel, they did so with conviction expressing their discontent over Israel's continued occupation of Palestine and other Arab territories and depriving Palestinians of

"Hectic contacts are underway by GCC member states at different levels to contain the Iraqi-Iranian armed conflict."

their inalienable rights in their own homeland, he added. The reasons which had led Zaire to break its ties with Israel are still stood: therefore, there is no justification for the step Zaire has taken.

The crown prince urged further moves by Arabs and Muslims to confront Zionist attempts at further infiltration into Africa. "While we will never renounce the fundamental principles of our cause, we must increase the scope of cooperation with Africa in accordance with a studied strategy. We ought to continue to expose and encounter Zionist plots," he added.

Prince Fahd called upon the Arab nation to tackle its problems and eliminate rifts among its ranks to be able to cope with the challenges, especially Israel's continuous occupation, aggression and expansion. He said: "Our nation is passing through difficult circumstances and now needs, more than any time else, mutual support, solidarity, unity and a rise to the level of responsibility at this crucial stage."

He added that, while Israel has evacuated from Sinai, it continues to occupy the West Bank and Gaza, and has annexed Holy Jerusalem and the Syrian Golan Heights and "still commits assault on our people in the occupied land and on the Islamic sacred places." The Iraq-Iran war is causing further damage to the region, he said.

Prince Fahd expressed the hope that, without losing time, the U.S. administration will make a serious move to create a tangible shift, in order to realize Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories occupied in 1967 and to establish an independent Palestinian state. "It has already been proved that, without (the realization) of these two facts, the region will continue to suffer from disturbance and tension," he added.

Regarding his visit to the U.S. and its purpose, Prince Fahd said everything will be announced at the proper time.

Referring to the GCC, the crown prince said it has proved its effectiveness and positive nature and has succeeded in symbolizing the will and determination of member states. He added that the council has further proved its sense of responsibility toward the region's security and stability, away from international conflicts and attempts of major powers to interfere in the region's affairs.

Prince Fahd said the council has been able to coordinate efforts in all vital political,

"The U.S. administration should make a tangible shift to realize Israeli withdrawal and establish a Palestinian state."

economic, social, cultural and security fields for the welfare of the region and in the interest of Arab and Islamic causes. The council's many achievements speak themselves and have commanded the appreciation of the leaders of the region, he added.

On the Lebanese situation, the crown prince regretted the daily events taking place in that country. He, however, expressed his confidence that the basic step toward the solution of the Lebanese crisis is for the Lebanese to realize mutual understandiing and accord. He reaffirmed Saudi Arabia's concern for Lebanon's security and stability, saying it will continue to extend every possible assistance to enable Lebanon to rise from its present fall. A detente in Lebanon will reflect positively on the whole region, he added.

Prayer Times

Thursday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4:14	4:09	3:40	3:23	3:48	4:13
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:18	12:19	11:50	11:37	12:01	12:31
Assr (Afternoon)	3:32	3:41	3:13	3:04	3:29	4:03
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:58	7:05	6:36	6:26	6:51	7:25
Isha (Night)	8:28	8:35	8:06	7:56	8:21	8:55

Anqari to lead team at labor conference

RIYADH, May 26 (SPA) — Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ibrahim Al-Anqari will lead the Kingdom's delegation to the 68th session of the International Labor Conference scheduled for Geneva next Wednesday.

The three-week conference will discuss reports from the International Labor Organization (ILO) director general and the board of directors, in addition to recommendations presented by member states to be decided upon.

The group of Arab member states are expected to hold preparatory meetings Monday and Tuesday to unify and coordinate their stances toward issues touching the Arab world, especially the Palestinian cause. The Arab delegations also will follow-up resolutions of previous sessions which denounce the Israeli authorities for repressing Arab workers and residents' rights in the occupied territories.

Almutlaq signs pact

JEDDAH, May 26 — Almutlaq Furniture concluded recently an agreement with GF Business Equipment Inc. of Ohio, under which the local company will market modern and sophisticated office furniture manufactured by the American company. GF is a pioneer in the development of office furniture.

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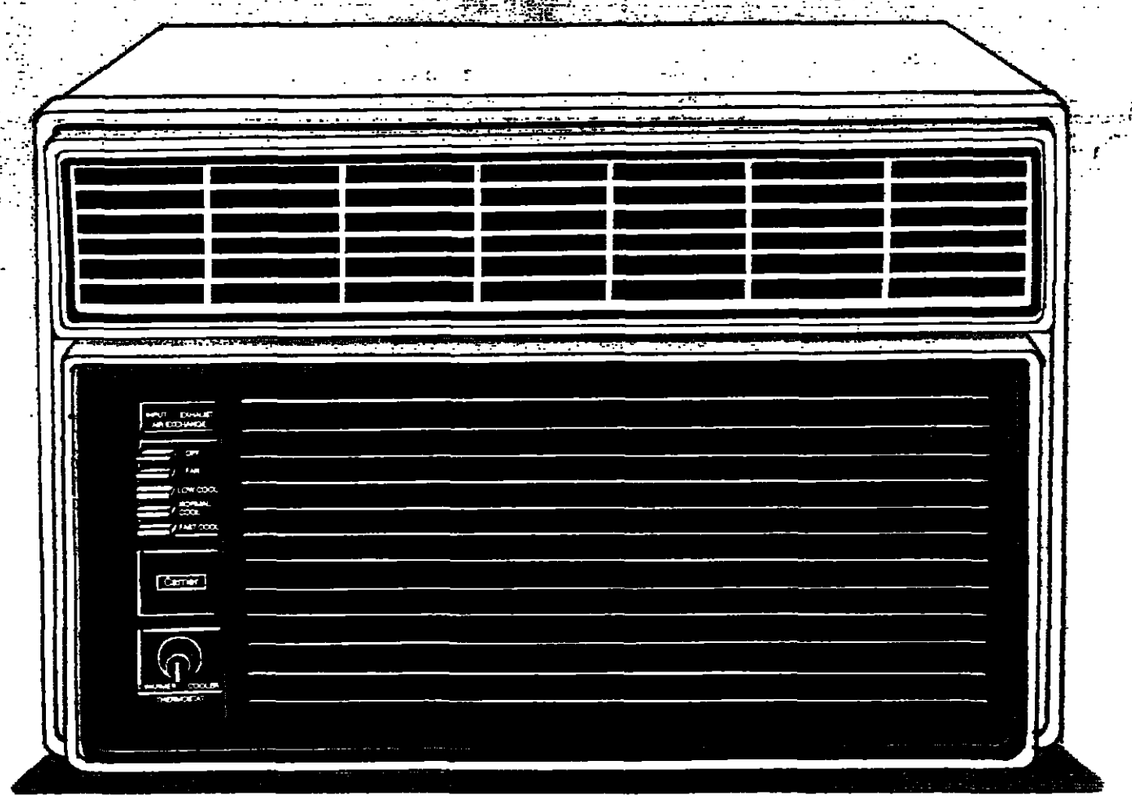

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Majed urges antique donation for museum

JEDDAH, May 26 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed Tuesday called on citizens to donate artifacts and antique chefs d'oeuvres to the proposed King Abdul Aziz Museum in Jeddah. The prince presided over a meeting of the museum's constitutent committee.

The meeting was attended by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi: Dr. Abdullah Masri, assistant education undersecretary for cultural affairs: Ahmad Salah Jamjoum: and other officials.

The prince highlighted the importance of building the museum to preserve the pieces that relate to the history of Jeddah and help link the city's present with its past. Mayor Farsi said that the museum, by reviving Jeddah's historical heritage, will be of great benefit to the coming generations.

Prince Majed hoped that similar museums will be established everywhere in the Kingdom. The committee decided to start receiving donations for the Jeddah Museum. Meanwhile, the prince announced that Mayor Farsi has been entrusted to look after the activities of Makkah Municipality.

In another development, Prince Majed will inspect Saturday the Taneem telephone complex in Makkah. The project, which cost SR60 million, comprises of a five-storey building, a mosque, warehouses, a maintenance center, housing for technicians and parking and cleaning station for vehicles.

Hassan Mattar, general affairs director at the telephone department, said Prince Majed will open on the same day a subscription office in Siteen Street, Makkah. The office will have a special division for issuing invoices and payments and another for public subscription applications, he added.

Abdullah views National Guard housing project

RIYADH, May 26 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, inspected Wednesday the site of the Guard's SR3.96 billion first phase of a project to house military men here.

He was accompanied by Prince Badr, deputy commander of the National Guard; and Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijri, assistant deputy commander. Prince Abdullah heard a briefing on work progress at the project before touring units and workshops which have already been completed.

The first phase provides for building 4,576 villas for privates and junior officers at a cost of SR3.26 billion and 526 villas for officers at a cost of SR700 million.

Prince Abdullah had signed last year similar contracts for housing National Guard personnel in Dammam, Ahsa, Taif and Jeddah.

IDB elects directors' board

ISTANBUL, May 26 (SPA) — A new board of executive directors of the Jeddah based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) was elected Tuesday at the end of the sixth annual meeting of the bank's board of governors.

This is in addition to four directors appointed by their respective countries, namely Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Libya. The six executive directors come from Chad, Uganda, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Algeria and Iraq.

Salem Musaedah, leader of the Jordanian delegation, was elected chairman of the board of governors for the seventh session. The governors of Gambia and Gabon were elected vice-chairmen. The meeting also elected a special committee to prepare for the seventh session, to be held in Jeddah next March. Saudi Arabia, as the host country, will be consulted on the specific date for the next session.

Turkish Deputy Premier Yurgut Ozal, addressing the final meeting, called for speedy development among Islamic states, saying this will help pave the way for a better atmosphere to conduct a dialogue between Muslim countries.

He also called for a better use of Arab development funds by Islamic states.

Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, IDB president in turn affirmed the bank's keenness to cooperate with various international bodies in the light of its principles and aims.

The final session was chaired by Turkish Finance Minister Kaya Erdem and was attended, among others, by Abdul Aziz Al-Quraishi, head of the Kingdom's delegation and governor of the Saudi Arabian monetary agency (SAMA).

Quraishi told *SPA* after the meeting that the Kingdom was following up closely and keenly the activities and progress of the IDB, giving it full support to help it would realize its aims. Expressed hope that the IDB will help achieve Islamic solidarity, a goal for which it was established.

Deliberations that took place at the governors' meetings were dominated by a spirit of cooperation and understanding and characterized by serious efforts in the interest of the Islamic nation and institutions of less developed countries, he said.

Korean minister arrives for talks

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, May 26 — Korean Construction Minister Jong-ho Kim was received here Wednesday by Makkah Governor Prince Majed. The Korean minister arrived in Jeddah earlier in the morning on a week-long visit.

The meeting, attended by Western Region Roads Department Director Ahmad Abdul Ghani and Korean Ambassador Yie-Joon Ehang, dealt with issues revolving round cooperation between the two countries.

Kim, invited by Communications Minister Hussein Mansouri, will be in Jeddah for two days and Abha for another two before proceeding to Riyadh for a three-day stay. He also will visit Dhahran and Jubail.

While in Riyadh, May 29 to 31, he will hold talks with Mansouri, and other senior government officials, according to Hyon-Ung Shin, press and cultural attache at the Korean embassy here.

Brazil planning to boost exports

BRASILIA, May 26 (R) — Brazil wants to boost exports to Saudi Arabia and could increase purchases of crude oil from the Kingdom, government officials said Tuesday.

Saudi Arabia also is interested in possible investments in the giant mining complex being developed at Carajas in the Amazon basin, the officials from the Industry and Commerce Ministry said in Brasilia.

Saudi Petroleum and Minerals Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani is having talks this week with Brazilian ministers over prospects for future co-operation between the two countries. Yamani arrived in Brasilia Sunday after spending the weekend in the Amazon jungle city of Manaus. He flew to Brazil after the meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Ecuador last week.

Saudi Arabia is one of Brazil's major suppliers of crude oil. Trade balance is heavily weighted in the Kingdom's favor, with Brazilian imports totaling $3.8 billion in 1981 and exports only $160 million.

MWL to promote Islam in Tanzania

MAKKAH, May 26 (SPA) — The Muslim World League agreed Wednesday to appoint a number of Muslim propagators in Tanzania, qualify a group of Muslim Tanzanians for this purpose and grant scholarships to another group of nationals from the African country to study at Islamic universities.

Muhammad Safwat Al-Saqqa, assistant secretary general of the MWL said the agreement was reached during a meeting Wednesday with an Islamic Tanzanian delegation which is currently visiting the Kingdom. The delegation is led by Sheikh Aboud Taleb Aboud, state minister at the president's office, and includes Education Minister Mayoud Omar.

Discussions dealt with cooperation between MWL and Islamic centers and societies in Tanzania which represent nine million Muslims. They are living in the situation currently prevailing in Africa: facing threats of ideological infiltration from Christian missions.

Talks also covered reinforcing the Islamic Institute in Tanzania and printing sections of the Holy Quran to be distributed to Muslim students in Primary schools.

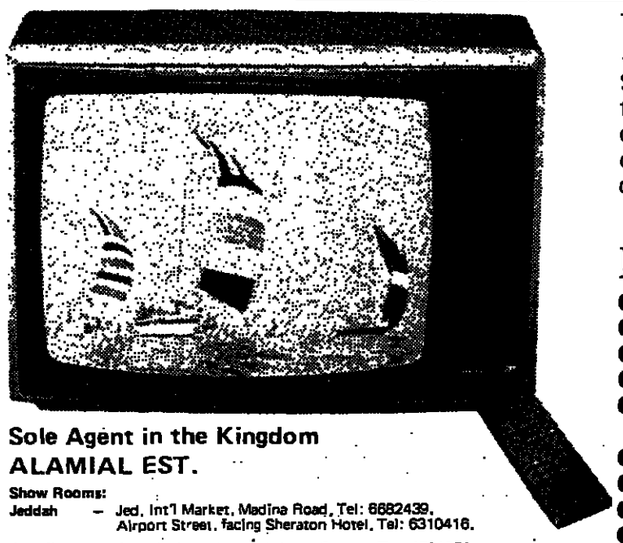
BRIEFS

RIYADH (SPA) — Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal ibn Fahd opened Tuesday the new gymnasium of the Model Municipal Institute. He watched several performances by the institute's students in various athletic disciplines and swimming. The project, which has cost SR8 million, provides for every kind of sports games to be practiced in the institute. Other facilities include a big theater, a cafeteria, and changing rooms.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Foreign under secretary for political affairs Abdul Rahman Mansouri received Tuesday separately the ambassadors of the U.S., France, Japan and Malaysia to the Kingdom. During his meetings with ambassadors Richard Murphy, Pierre Rocalfe, Toshiaki Muto and Adam bin Yahia, Mansouri reviewed bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest.

GENEVA, (SPA) — A function will be held here Thursday to mark the Kingdom's Day, as part of the activities of the Saudi-Swiss joint Commission. Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi will speak in a seminar to review the Kingdom's progress in various spheres. Documentary films, photographs and booklets will form part of the day's celebration.

DHAHRAN, (SPA) — Gen. Necdet Oztorun Turkish deputy chief of the general staff, arrived here with his delegation Wednesday, in the context of his current visit to the Kingdom. He was met at the airport by Maj. Gen. Sulaiman Al-Shubaili, commander of the Eastern Province, and other high-ranking military officers.



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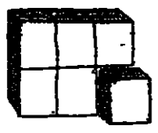

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Fifth Soviet-Afghan bid to take Panshir foiled

ISLAMABAD, May 26 (Agencies) — Soviet and Afghan forces suffered heavy losses in a recent fifth abortive attempt to take the Panshir Valley north of Kabul, considered the best-organized stronghold of Afghan resistance. Western diplomatic sources here said Tuesday.

They said aerial bombs pummelled the valley floor May 20 as helicopters deposited troops along the ridges and an armored column crossed the Panshir River on a mobile bridge, sidestepping a sector mined by the Mujahedeen. The armored column advanced several kilometers into the valley but, as in the four previous tries since May 1980, the Soviet-Afghan troops were forced back after suffering heavy losses of lives and equipment, said Afghan sources in Kabul.

They said the better part of an Afghan unit surrendered after being caught in rocket and mortar fire. The diplomatic sources here said Mujahedeen fighters from Shawali, north of Kabul, and from neighboring provinces, came to the valley's defense. There were no reliable estimates of resistance losses.

Civilian transportation was broken off between Kabul and the town of Gulbahar, located at the mouth of the Panshir Valley near the highway linking Kabul to the Soviet Union, diplomats said. They added that communications in the area had been cut and were not yet restored Monday.

The valley is defended by a Mujahedeen force commanded by "general" Masood Shah under the Peshawar-based Jamiat Islami Party. They posses a sizeable store of light arms and several Chinese-made anti-aircraft machine guns, sources said.

In contrast to the Panshir fighting, the Afghan capital, 90 kms south of the valley, was enjoying its calmest period in several month, with no political assassinations, no explosions, no shootings. The war, however, was not far off. Violent combat was reported a few kilometers to the north on the nights of May 20 and 22.

Arkhipov, Ceausescu visiting Syria

DAMASCUS, May 26 (R) — Syria is playing host simultaneously to Soviet First Deputy Prime Minister Ivan Arkhipov and Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu.

Arkhipov arrived Tuesday on a three-day visit and began talks with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam on the international situation and bilateral relations, the official Syrian News Agency Sana said. The presence at the talks of the Syrian chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Hikmat Shehabi, and Economy Minister Selim Tassin, indicated that military and economic relations were discussed.

The Soviet Union is the chief arms supplier to Syria, which is constantly pressing Moscow for more advanced weapons. Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad said in a recent magazine interview that he hoped to visit Moscow soon. Syria and the Soviet Union signed a 20-year friendship treaty in 1980.

President Assad led the Syrian delegation at the talks with President Ceausescu, who flew in Tuesday for a two-day stay. The Syrian president told a banquet in the Romanian leader's honor that the talks covered bilateral ties and the "explosive situation" in the Middle East.

In a speech largely devoted to attacking the United States, Assad said the danger to Middle East peace was "more serious than at any other time" because of what he called U.S. *attempts to impose military and economic* domination on the area.

Dacca court jails Ahmad for 9 years

DACCA, May 26 (R) — A special Bangladesh military tribunal Wednesday sentenced former Deputy Prime Minister Jamaluddin Ahmad to nine years' imprisonment for misappropriation of funds and abuse of power.

The sentence came in a majority judgment pronounced by the five-member tribunal. The tribunal convicted Ahmad of misappropriating about $2.75 million through his official position. In addition to the jail sentence, the tribunal ordered his properties to be confiscated.

Ahmad had earlier been sentenced to seven years in jail on charges of corruption and for gaining pecuniary benefits illegally. The two sentences will run concurrently.

Pakistan arrests 24 NDP leaders

LAHORE, May 26 (R) — Pakistani authorities arrested 24 members of the banned National Democratic Party (NDP) Tuesday at a party central committee meeting held in defiance of a government ban on political activity, party sources said.

The sources said four of those arrested, including NDP President Sher Baz Mazari and Secretary General Ghulam Ahmad Billour were later expelled from the Punjab province of which Lahore is the capital. The 20 others were in police custody in Lahore, the sources said.

Mazari was sent to Karachi and Billour and another prominent party figure, Abdul Wali Khan and his wife Begum Nasim Wali Khan, were sent to Peshawar. An official statement later said the NDP meeting was being held in *flagrant* violation of martial law regulations banning political activity.

Israeli razing of Yamit to be kept as monument

CAIRO, May 26 (AP) — Prime Minister Faud Mohieddin was quoted Wednesday as saying that Egypt would leave the Mediterranean settlement of Yamit untouched so that visitors could see how Israel destroyed it while leaving the Sinai.

Cairo's three leading newspapers reported the remark made by Mohieddin in El-Arish during a tour of the Sinai with seven members of the Egyptian cabinet. It was not clear whether Mohieddin would have the last word on the settlement.

Previously, Egyptian officials have said Yamit would be rebuilt, and *Al-Akhbar* reported Wednesday that the minister of agriculture was sending a research team to Yamit to study agricultural possibilities.

A government team of construction engineers, technicians and artists went to Yamit last week to develop a full plan for a village to be built. And the semi-official daily *Al-Ahram* has started a fun-raising campaign to rebuild the settlement.

Yamit was reduced to rubble when Israeli troops evacuated extremist squatters and buldozed buildings and orchards before the April 25 withdrawal. Mohieddin also was quoted as saying that Egypt would build 130 tourist villages in Sinai, but the reports did not elaborate.

Morocco-U.S. body to foster ties

NEW YORK, 26 (AP) — A Moroccan-American foundation, with educational charitable, cultural and scientific objectives, has been formed at a meeting near New York attended by King Hassan II of Morocco.

"The foundation's purpose is to strengthen cooperation and understanding between Morocco and the United States," an announcement said Tuesday. Henry A. Kissinger, former secretary of state, will be chairman of the committee establishing the organization.

The foundation "is intended to promote the interest of the people of both cultures in each other's society, educational system, economy, culture, arts, trade and commerce, government and international relations."

"At the outset, the foundation will concentrate on providing the means for increased opportunities for qualified Moroccan students to pursue their educational goals in American universities, as well as fostering the exchange of scientists, scholars and artists," a statement said.

Libya won't send troops to Chad

PARIS, May 26 (AFP) — Libya will not interfere in internal conflicts in Chad and will not send any troops to that country, the Libyan news agency Jana monitored here said Tuesday.

The announcement, which quoted a spokesman for the Libyan Foreign Ministry, came one day after a surprise official visit to Libya by Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei. Chadian Defense Minister Adoum Togoi remained in Tripoli to "settle certain problems, along with Interior Minister Mahamat Abba Seid and Education Minister Acheick Oumar, sources close to Goukouni have said.

Goukouni has complained about the lack of initiative of the Organization of African Unity peacekeeping force in Chad and the deteriorating situation within his country. He has threatened to call in an unspecified "outside force" to come to his aid.

Tindemans to meet W. Bank Palestinians

BRUSSELS, May 26 (AP) — Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans said Tuesday he expects to meet with Palestinian leaders in the West Bank area during a visit to Israel next week that is part of the European Economic Community's Mideast peace effort.

Tindemans, the current president of the EEC Foreign Ministers Council, told reporters Israeli officials have agreed to allow the meetings to take place. Tindemans leaves next Saturday for a five-day visit.

He did not say whom he would meet, but added "a list of Palestinians we wanted to see" had been submitted to the Israeli government. In recent months, Tindemans has made several Mideast trips as part of the EEC's effort to help create peace there. He said he wants to meet Palestinians for the EEC's peace efforts "to be meaningful."

Tindemans and senior foreign ministries officials from the EEC countries met earlier with Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali.

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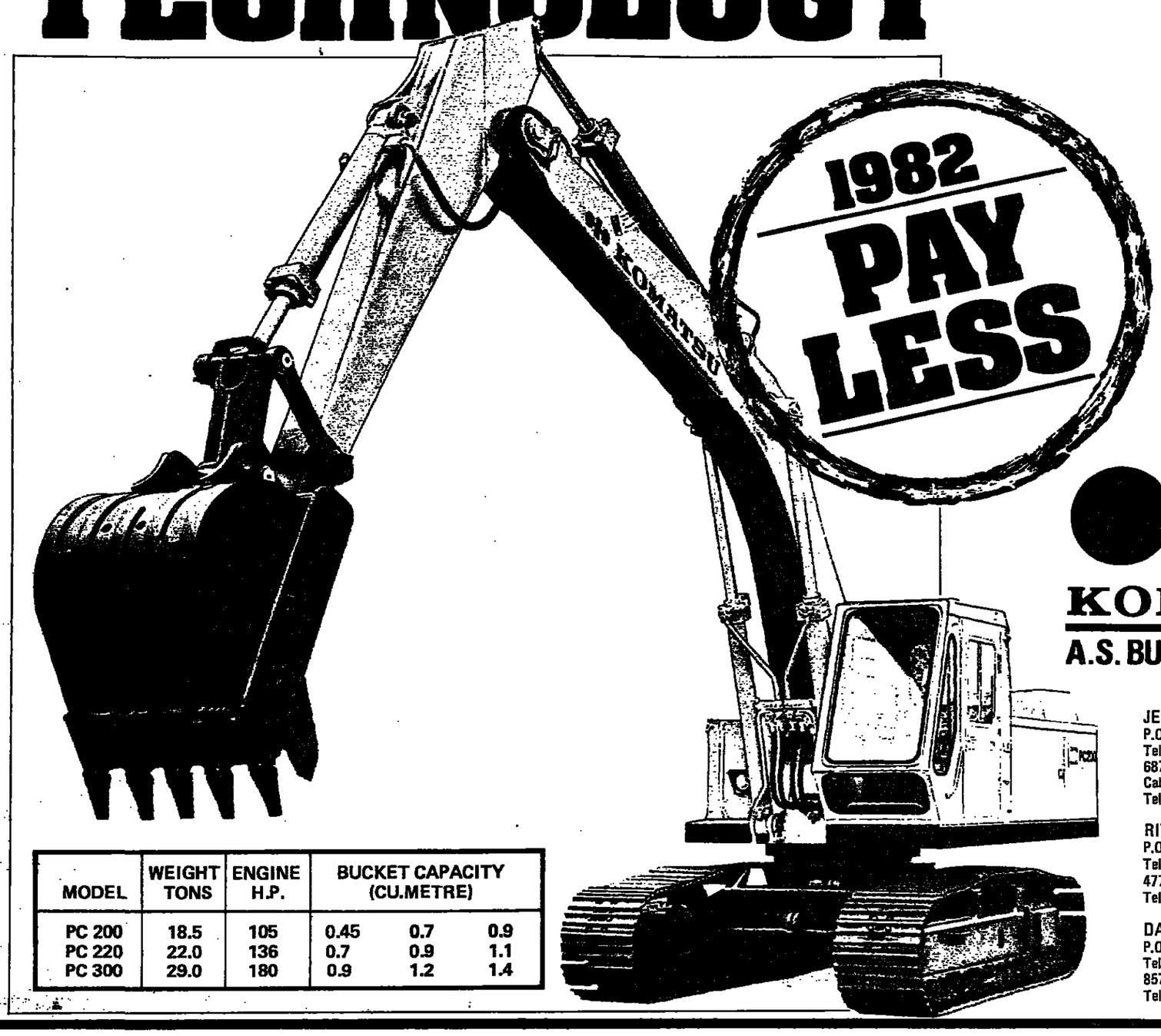

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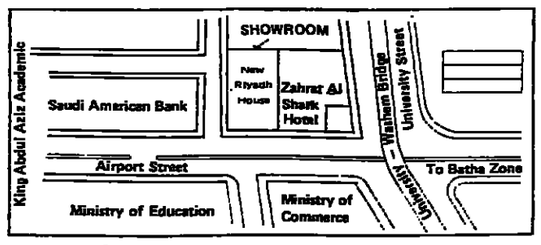

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KINGDOM'S STAND

In a statement made to the cabinet, Crown Prince Fahd emphasized the need to keep the strategically crucial Gulf area secure against international conflicts. The statement came at the same time as the foreign ministerial meeting of the "Steadfastness and Confrontation Front" expressed its support for Iran in its war against Iraq and its warning to other Arab countries against offering aid to Iraq.

Saudi Arabia's stand is based on its concern for the well-being and stability of each and every Gulf country, and the possible threat to them following the recent developments in the Iraq-Iran war, as well as the intensifying Israeli aggression against Lebanon. But the Saudi stand at the same time includes full awareness of the intricacy of the problem facing the Gulf community, and the need for speedy and extensive diplomatic efforts to deal with it.

The trip to Damascus by Prince Saud Al-Faisal is to be understood in this context. The results of his talks there are certain to become clear as he gives his full report to the foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council when they meet on Sunday. The meeting is expected to devote itself to the implications of the present phase of the war between Iraq and Iran, as well as those of the stand taken by the "Steadfastness and Confrontation Front."

Saudi Arabian press review

The role of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in serving Arab and Islamic causes and the Iraq-Iran war were the main topics for editorial comment in Wednesday's newspapers.

Referring to Tuesday's celebrations marking the GCC's first anniversary, ***Al-Jazirah*** praised the Gulf states' "collective resolve to fall all challenges and overcome obstacles hindering progress." It laudedthe council'ssuccess in formulating a joint strategy to ensure the economic development of the region.

"The council has enabled the Gulf leaders to exert collective efforts to achieve the Arab goals and aspirations and devise a unanimous stand towrad Arab issues of common destiny," the paper said.

Al-Madinah said the Kingdom's backing for the council "will have great effect in achieving its desired objectives."

The paper stressed that the council's stand toward Arab causes demonstrated the Gulf leaders' concern to find a peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict ensuring Arab rights.

"Moreover, the council's stand also proves that it is not a military grouping directed against any power, but is primarily an organization to face any possible foreign intervention or influence in the region and to tackle its own affairs," the paper added.

Al-Bilad said, "Within the framework of its policy the council can face all forms of challenges and reinforce Arab and Islamic strength to realize Arab aspirations and goals." It added that the council was set up to crystallize a joint Arab action under the umbrella of Arab solidarity, reflecting common destiny, language and culture.

Commenting on the forthcoming GCC foreign ministers meeting scheduled to be held in Riyadh on Sunday, ***Okaz*** said, "It will have a wide-ranging impact on inter-Arab and Arab-international relations."

Al-Nadwa called on Iran and Iraq to embark on negotiations to solve peacefully the 20-month-old war which it said has exhuasted the two countries' resources and potentials.

"An end to the war is indispensable to the Arab and Islamic world, since the fighting is causing huge material and human losses to the whole Muslim nation. Once the hostilities cease, the resources and potentials of the two Muslim states can be mobilized to face the enemies of the Arab and Islamic nation," the paper said.

It asserted that an end to the war "will foil all the designs and ambitions of the hostile powers." **(SPA)**

Why Galtieri embarked on Falklands adventure

By Mario Del Carril

WASHINGTON — The president of Argentina, Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri, placed his country in the center of the world stage seven weeks ago. Who is this man, and why is he behaving this way?

Though many compare Galtieri to former Argentine President Juan Domingo Peron, Galtieri is neither a strongman like Chile's Augusto Pinochet, nor a leader who has popular support. The president — 55, son of an Italian immigrant, lieutenant general and commander in chief of the army — is the visible head of a coalition of divergent interests of the military. Some observers believe that since the takeover of the Malvinas, as the islands are known in Argentina, Galtieri has become more a spokesman for that coalition than a key decision-maker.

Galtieri has been president of Argentina for little more than four months. Last December he took the president sash away from his friend, Gen. Roberto Viola, in an awkward and thinly disguised palace coup. The coalition of interests that removed Viola is an odd one from the point of view of the political dynamics of the military, which is still the only operative political force in Argentina.

In this coalition nationalists, traditionally concerned with territorial claims and inclined to encourage a protected and autarchic economy, have united with advocates of a free market system and practical adherence to some of the Reagan administration's hemispheric policies.

The cement of this unwieldy union is anti-communism and the refusal of the armed forces to account for the thousands of people who have disappeared without a trace in Argentina during the anti-terrorist campaign in the late '70s.

Galtieri's coup was well received by U.S. officials. The deposed *president, Gen. Viola, was con*sidered, both in Buenos Aires and in Washington, as inefficient and too committed to Argentina's traditional foreign policy of nonalignment.

During a trip to Washington last fall, just before the coup, Galtieri signaled his intention of realigning Argentina's foreign policy with that of the U.S. He did so with a toast at an embassy lunch in the presence of high officials of the Reagan administration, including Caspar Weinberger, secretary of defense, and Thomas Enders, assistant secretary of state for Latin American affairs. U.S. officials hoped that Argentina would stop voting with the nonaligned group in the United Nations and that the country would help American efforts to combat revolutionary Marxism in Central America.

The Malvinas crisis proved the incompatability of the foreign-policy objectives upon which Galtieri's coalition was mounted: assertive nationalism in territorial disputes on the one hand, and assisting the United States to maintain an American peace in Central America on the other. Since reclaiming the islands, Argentina has seen its relations with Washington deteriorate while, out of necessity, good relations with Cuba, Nicaragua and other Third World powers grow in importance.

The other conflict of the Galtieri union came to a boil before the Malvinas crisis. In late March, popular discontent with the government's austere economic policies exploded and the regime responded with a brutal official crackdown. According to some leaders of the radical party, there were even signs of preparations for two different and rival *military coups.*

It was at this moment that Galtieri decided, at the urging of Adm. Jorge I. Anaya, commander in chief of the navy, to take the Malvinas. He escaped from a domestic political dilemma to enter into an international one. From the difficulties of its economic policy, the government jumped into the incoherence of its foreign policy. Cuba and Nicaragua are now friends, and the United States is the ally of an enemy. Nor was Washington pleased. All of a sudden, Argentina was governed by "thugs."

Were it not for the hundreds of dead and wounded in the South Atlantic war, Galtieri's *impulsive gamble of taking the Malvinas by force* from the British might be admired, in the short term, as a clever political move. But too many young men have needlessly died.

Galtieri has done things like this before, though on a lesser scale and without loss of life. Last year, when he was commander in chief of the army, on his own authority he closed the border with Chile and threatened war over a minor incident. Some say that he was proving his nationalist credentials; others argue that he was acting on impulse. Perhaps both explanations are right.

When the Argentine armed forces were busy fighting guerrilla violence in the late '70s, Galtieri commanded the Second Army Corps in Rosario, a large river port city. He did not acquire a reputation for ruthlessness or cruelty as did other commanders, nor did he acquire a reputation for intelligence. Within the politics of the military, he was considered moderate.

Galtieri, *a large and robust man with very white* hair — he was called "Albino" in the army — spent a year training in the United States in the early '60s and grew fond of this country. In Argentine terms, he would be described as *Campechano*, which means frank, open, good-hearted and comradely.

Possibly Galtieri is too simple and straightforward a personality to govern a country as complex as Argentina; he does not control the coalition that brought him to power, and was obviously embarrassed by his own security system when foreign journalists were kidnapped recently in Buenos Aires.

What does the future hold for the current Argen*tine president? If Argentina wins or is honorably* defeated in the South Atlantic war, Galtieri will be a political asset; if the country is humiliated, the president will lose whatever political charisma his recent rise to power has bestowed upon him, and once again will be known in the army as "Albino."

But in any case, the coalition of interests that has made this man politically powerful will fall apart. What this means is still an open question. With luck, Argentina will see an end to autonomous military rule; without it, the country will be caught in the wave of a resurgent and aggressive nationalism. (LAT)

Thais disillusioned with Prem's leadership

By Wirasak Salayakanond

BANGKOK — People's boredom with his low-key, indecisive leadership seems to be reaching contagious proportions, and this might yet prove to be Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda's political undoing. "He's too honest and too ineffectual," a retired politician told ***Depthnews.***

Since he assumed office, Gen. Prem has proved one thing: his integrity is beyond reproach, but his capability and ability to govern have been under a serious cloud of doubt. Said Dr. Varin Wongharnchao, director of the Social Science Research Institute of Chulalongkorn University, in an article in the newsmagazine ***Siam Rath:*** "Gen. Prem is not a capable prime minister. He has not achieved anything significant for the country. Honesty alone is *not enough for an administrator.*"

He said that while he admired the prime minister's honesty, great leaders are not made of that stuff alone. Compared to Gen. Prem, former Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanand showed greater courage in making decisions, Dr. Varin said.

Other Thai political leaders prefer to be ambivalent in their attitude toward the prime minister. Former Foreign Minister Upadit Pachariyangkul, for instance, feels that the Prem administration has been caught in a whirlpool of nagging problems. While it has made some achievements to crow about, it also has its share of failures, especially in the economic sphere.

He said: "During the two years of Gen. Prem's premiership, there have been some achievements and some failures. It is difficult for the government to tackle the numerous problems, especially the economic aspect, all at once. The government must have time to do that."

Upadit said that the nation's political stability would determine Prem's future. "For as long as the government manages to maintain the political stability of the country, so long will be (Prem) also hold on to power," he said.

Members of the opposition have pounced on the weaknesses of the Prem administration, particularly its methods of governing. MP Piyanat Vatcharaporn (independent, Srisakaet province) stated simply that Prem does not impress him at all. "Since he assumed office, he has created many problems, instead of solving them," he said.

Piyanat said that instead of preserving democracy, the prime minister had transgressed the constitution by extending his term as army commander-in-chief in 1980, and allowing a resigned deputy prime minister to remain in office. He also faulted the government for its failure to redeem old promises, particularly the imposition of price guarantees for agricultural products. "At the same time, this administration would want people to believe that by supporting it, they are also supporting democracy," he added.

Col. Somkid Srisangkom, leader of the Social Democratic Party, complained that for the last two years the Prem administration had made no effort to strengthen the democratic system. He said the government's hedging on the proposed constitutional amendment only showed that the administration was not eager to fully democratize the government machinery. "There are many provisions in the constitution that ought to be deleted or replaced, as there are many other provisions that should be added to it. The government should have worked more actively on the constitutional amendments to make it more democratic," Somkid said.

One of the most controversial provisions of the constitution states that the senate does not have to be composed of elected members. "These non-elective members are vested with the same powers as members of the house of representatives, although they obtained their positions through mere patronage," Somkid said.

Under the constitution, members of the senate, who make up two-thirds of the whole house of representatives membership, are appointed by the King from the list presented to him by the prime minister. The idea behind this is to ensure the stability of the administrative branch of the government. This particular provision has been under constant attack, and late last year the prime minister himself submitted a bill to parliament calling for constitutional amendments.

The bill breezed through parliament, and a 39-man parliamentary committee was formed to work on the details of the amendment. However, up to now the committee is still working on it. But even the proposed amendments are also under siege, particularly that requiring political parties to field at least one-half the number of members of the house of representatives in a general election. "This means that only the rich and the powerful can vie successfully for an elective office," the colonel added.

Opposition political parties have also accused the government of mishandling the economy. Before he reshuffled his cabinet for the second time last year, Prem was besieged with complaints from Thai farmers about the difficulty of selling their crops. Upon the advice of his economic planners, Prem devalued the baht against the U.S. dollar in an effort to make Thai agricultural products more competitive in the world market and to slow down the skyrocketing trade deficit.

As a result, Thailand had to pay 10 percent more for its crude imports. "The trade deficit remains high, the price of Thai agricultural products in the world market is still uncompetitive and farmers cannot get a good price for their products in the domestic market," opposition politicians charged.

Former Prime Minister Kriangsak, who is now the leader of the opposition Chart Prachatipatai (National Democratic Party), said that the devaluation of the baht had severely affected the domestic prices of agricultural products.

Last April 1, sugarcane farmers in the northern province of Kampangpet put up a blockade on Paholyothing Highway in protest against the government's failure to require sugar mills to purchase sugarcane at the government's guranteed price of 540 baht ($23) per ton. The farmers mustered 300 trucks and paralyzed traffic between Bangkok and the northern provinces beyond Kampangpet for two days. The issue was temporarily settled when the sugar mills agreed to buy sugarcane at 470 baht ($20.50) per ton, with the government paying 30 baht ($1.30) per ton in the form of subsidy to the mills.

Despite mounting pressure from the opposition political parties, Prem is confident that he will serve the full term of the government which expires next April. But this confidence is based on the theory that his government's coalition with the Social Action Party (SAP) will hold on for the next 12 months. For the moment at least, the SAP is determined to safeguard the coalition. "The reason why we joined Gen. Prem is because we wanted to stabilize the government for the sake of democracy," one SAP member said.

SAP forms an essential component of the political coalition. With the SAP, Prem enjoys a comfortable plurality vote in parliament. SAP has 70 seats in parliament for a combined parliamentary seat of 157, or above 50 percent of the total house of representatives membership of 301.

Said a SAP MP: "The instability of the government would open the way for coups and this means the democratic development of the country would go back to square one." **(Depthnews)**

Letter to the editor

Israeli threat

Sir,

Israel seems to be a perennial threat to the security and sovereignty of the Arab states. It perpetrates aggressions against the Arabs, commits atrocities against defenseless Palestinians, and annexes the occupied Arab land. Moreover, it flouts the international law and defies the United Nations' resolutions. And yet it escapes scot-free because it is supported and abetted by a superpower.

The United Nations, through which the Arab states seek to solve their problems, has failed. On several occasions, that superpower, the United States, has vetoed the Security Council's sanctions against Israel. And this practice will definitely be repeated in the future.

The prevailing situation is such that the Arab states are divided. They are fighting each other and causing destruction to themselves to the benefit of their common Zionist enemy.

The Arab states can no doubt defend themselves against their Zionist enemy without outside help provided they stop fighting each other, settle their differences and close their ranks.

Sincerely yours,
Arif Pathan
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TODAY IN HISTORY

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Highlights in history on this date:

1719 — Roman Emperor Charles VI founds Oriental company in Vienna to compete with Dutch trade in the Orient.

1860 — Italian patriot Giuseppe Garibaldi leads force which invades Sicily and captures city of Palermo.

1905 — Japanese annihilate Russian fleet of 32 ships in Tsushima Straits off Korea.

1927 — Britain breaks off relations with the Soviet Union after discovery of documents relating to Soviet intrigues against British Empire.

1941 — German battleship ***Bismarck*** is sunk by British Navy off France in World War II with loss of 2,300 lives.

1956 — India claims suzerainty over Chitral which has been under Pakistan rule since 1947.

1961 — Malaya's Premier Tunku Abdul Rahman proposes great Malaysia federation.

1964 — India's Premier Jawaharlal Nehru dies at age 74, is succeeded by Lala Bahadur Shastri.

1970 — Leftist coalition led by Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike wins Ceylon elections.

1971 — The Soviet Union signs 15-year pact with Egypt, pledging assistance for recovery of all Arab territories occupied by Israel.

1975 — The United States agrees to end its aid program in Laos.

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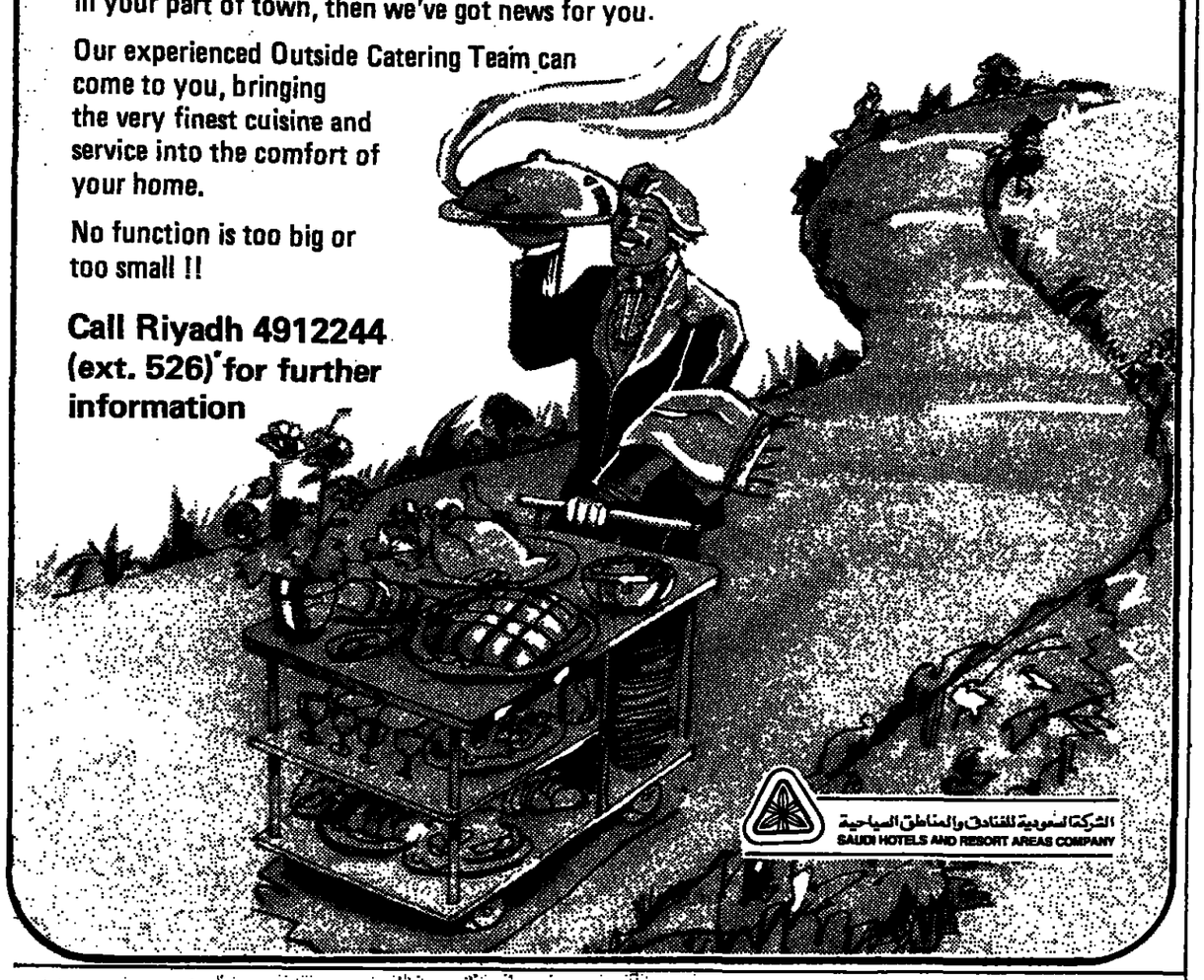

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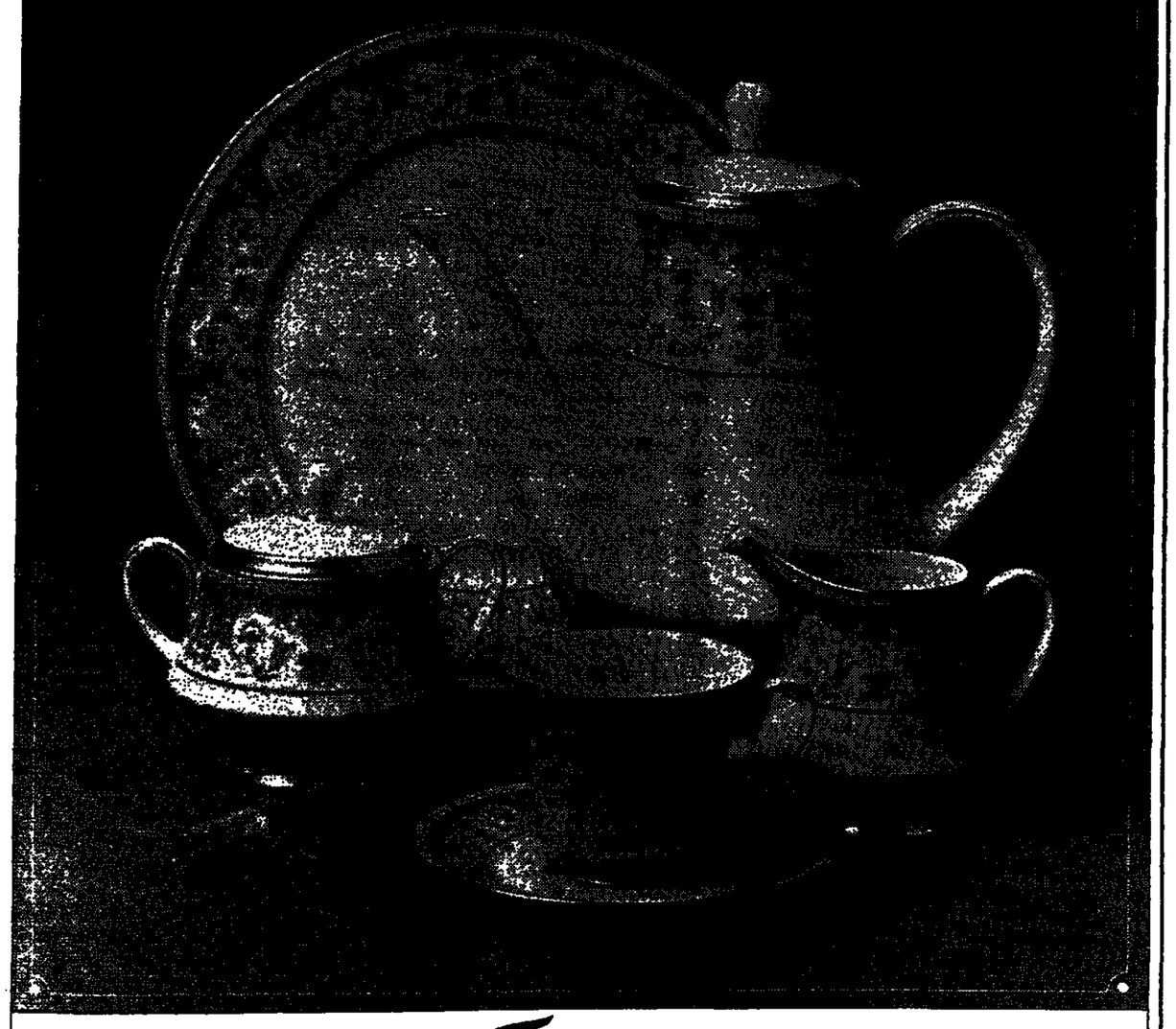

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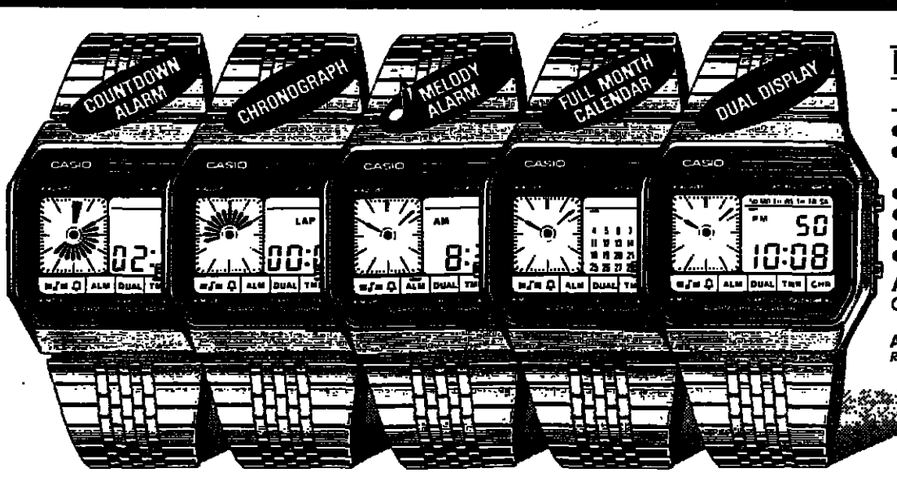

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New medical products cater to patient comfort

By Dr. W.A.R. Thomson

LONDON (LPS) — Air purification has become increasingly important to health. And, to meet everyday needs, a range of purifiers is now available. Among the most widely used are the Astecair 60 and the Astecair 150. Made by Astec Environmental Systems, these devices mask unpleasant smells, remove particulate contamination and chemically destroy harmful fumes.

This is done by means of filters with a complex granular composition that preferentially adsorbs odor and harmful vapor molecules. These are then chemically absorbed. During the process the surface of the granule is continually regenerated, thus prolonging the life of the filter. Particulate contamination, such as dust, pollen and other carriers of bacteria, is also removed.

Eight different filter media are available. One, the A/C Filter, is made from granules of 207C activated charcoal which are formed into a filter bed by a special bonding technique that allows free airflow through the bed while still retaining for the filter a high degree of adsorption. It can cope with aliphatic hydrocarbons, aromatic hudrocarbons, acids, aldehydes and ketones, esters, ethers, nitrogen compounds, halogens, and sulphur compounds.

There is also a series of five C/S Filter, which remove gases, fumes and odors by means of a chemisorptive process. The filter beds are made from a range of chemical compounds that the either preferentially acid or alkali adsorbing. This adsorption is carried out through a reduction process, and the surface of the granules is regenerated — giving the filter a life of up to six months.

Each C/S Filter is colored according to its scope. Thus the red filter is for very offensive and unhealthy odors from excreta, and combinations of smells which are predominantly alkaline in nature.

The blue filter copes with human and animal smells, cadaverine and putrescine, and all the combinations of smells that are predominantly acid in nature. The green filter removes formaldehyde.

The yellow filter deals with pure alkaline type smells such as ammonia and amines, while the black filer is used for pure acid or sour smells and fumes such as hydrogen sulphide, sulphur dioxide and formic acid.

Latest additions to the range are the A/C-R Filter, specially impregnated to adsorb radioactive iodine, and the A/C-Hg Filter which adsorbs mercury.

The Astecair 60 has one set of filters, and an air through put of 40 to 60 liters per second. The maximum room size it will serve is 70 m³. Its siting is on a shelf or table, preferably 0.75 to 1.5 m from the floor. It is 22 cm high, 51 cm wide and 26.5 cm in depth, and weighs 12.5 kg.

The Astecair 150 incorporates two sets of filters, and has an air through put of 90 to 150 liters per second. The maximum room size it will serve is 170 m3. Its siting is wall mounted, 1.5 to 2.5 m from the floor. It is 54.5 cm high, 54 cm wide and 31 cm in depth. It weighs 27 kg.

Also available is an Astecair 300 mobile cupboard for use in laboratories. It has eight different interchangeable filters.

A versatile mattress

For the surgical team working in the operating room the ideal temperature is around 20°C. There is thus a conflict between the optimum temperature for the operation team and that for the patient.

To meet these apparently incompatible needs, Howorth Air Engineering has produced the Climator Mattress. The optimum "microclimate" is established round the patient by gently circulating warm filtered air delivered through this resilient ventilated operating-table mattress, which is X-ray translucent. The warm air reaches the mattress from the small Climator tucked away under the operating table, and is distributed under and around the anaesthetized patient.

It is claimed that the microclimate for the patient can be controlled and automatically maintained at the necessary 24° to 26°C without discomfort to the operating team.

But the mattress has much wider scope than this, as experience in intensive care units has shown. Used in post-operative care it not only maintains an equable temperature for the patient but helps keep the skin healthy, thereby reducing the risk of pressure (bed) sores.

With air circulating around the patient at a controlled temperature, the oxygen supply to the skin is maintained and the amount of sweating is reduced: two essential factors for a healthy skin. It is of particular value in the management of burns. It also helps to alleviate insomnia, reducing the need for sedatives and tranquilizers.

All this, of course, applies not only to the post-operative period, but also to the nursing of patients confined to bed for long periods, whether in the hospital or at home.

The mattress itself, which can be used on both hospital and domestic beds, is light and easy to handle. It has a central "well" or depression into which is fitted a sectional foam sheet. This can be easily removed for washing. Three sets of replacement foam sheets are provided with each mattress. There is also a soft absorbent overlay for use with incontinent patients.

The Climator, which measures 546 x 381 x 305 mm and weighs 15 kg, operates from a conventional 13 A socket. It is virtually noiseless, simple to operate and portable.

Patient care chair

When a managing director found himself confined to bed in the hospital for a long time, he began to realize the problems faced by nurses in moving patients in and out of bed, especially when the patients were in pain.

So after he had recovered he put his company, Progressive Engineering (A-U-L), to work producing what is now available as the Progressive Chair. This "new concept in medical equipment", as it has been described, transfers the patient from a sitting position to a lying position, utilizing the patient's own weight. The basic chair can therefore be smoothly converted into a couch.

The transformation is fully, controlled, up or down, and can be stopped at any intermediate position, where it will remain until a change is required. The vertical height of the couch position is that of a standard hospital bed, and so the transfer of patient from bed to chair, or vice versa, is greatly facilitated.

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Patients' comfort is catered for by a special rigid foam, covered with a recently developed fluid-resistant micro-perforated breathing upholstery. The seat panel can be easily removed for cleaning purposes. All materials are fire retardant.

HYDROGEN-FUELED CAR: A student group from Musashi Technological College in Tokyo checks a newly developed diesel-engine car which operates on liquefied hydrogen as a fuel. In a recent trial the car developed a maximum speed of 135km per hour and it passed all tests made by professor Shoichi Furuya.

Combustion research underway

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON (LPS)—Britain's Department of Energy has given the U.K. Atomic Energy Authority's Harwell research laboratory a further £1 million for a three-year extension to its research program on combustion processes.

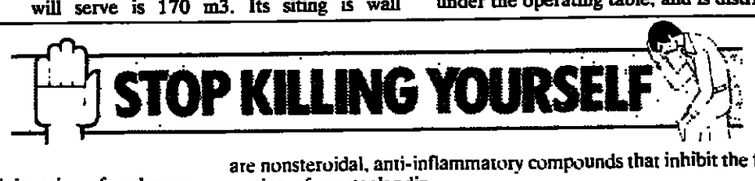
The U.K. program is contributing to a wider four nation collaborative venture under the aegis of the International Energy Agency, gaining access to complementary programs in the United States, Italy and Sweden, being funded by respective national governments. The technical coordinator of the international program is Dr. Phil Hutchinson, of Harwell's Engineering Sciences Division.

Current engine and furnace design methods have evolved over a long period and are largely the result of a trial and error approach. "There are" says Dr. Hutchinson "large gaps in our knowledge and thus formidable problems in the design of the next generation of vehicle engines. For example, high compression gasoline engines suffer from knock and the operation of all direct injection diesel engines is limited by their tendency to form smoke. The lack of knowledge regarding fundamental combustion processes is also well illustrated by the wide variety of design configurations for stratified charge engines currently being considered".

"In improving the performance of industrial oil burning furnaces we have to develop a much better understanding of the interplay between aerodynamics, fuel properties and furnace cavities" says Dr. Hutchinson, "then we may have the key to a modest improvement in thermal efficiency and hence substantial oil savings, and may also be able to expedite the substitution of oil by other more abundance fuels such as coal".

Detailed aspects of the new program on automobile engines include the investigation of cylinder air motion, the chemical events associated with knock and the chemistry of soot formation. With regard to furnaces it will investigate air motion, droplet motion, size and evaporation, fuel/air mixing and temperature distribution under a variety of air inlet conditions.

Next week
Dr. Steincrohn discusses:



Saturday May 29

Some doctors believe that repeated administration of oral morphine every four hours is the treatment of choice for severe chronic pain in advanced cancer; that morphine given by hypodermic is necessary in only a small minority of patients.

Sunday May 30

The difference between ulcer and gall bladder attacks: usually, gallbladder patients feel worse after eating: ulcer patients find temporary relief after taking food.

Monday May 31

Painful menstruation (dysmenorrhea) can cause pain, nausea, fatigue and lost time from work or school. Two new drugs approved by the FDA are ibufren and naproxen sodium for treatment. These are nonsteroidal, anti-inflammatory compounds that inhibit the formation of prostaglandin.

Tuesday June 1

Most people know that overeating, oversmoking, taking too much salt is bad for the hypertensive. But many don't know that using too much sugar is also bad for high blood pressure.

Wednesday June 2

There is a difference between heart failure and heart attack. In an attack there is usually severe pain across the chest, a sharp fall in blood pressure, excessive sweating and weak pulse. Weakness and failure of heart muscle may be due to rheumatic heart disease, coronary heart disease, congenital heart disease, etc., ETC., and usually comes on slowly — over a period of months or years.

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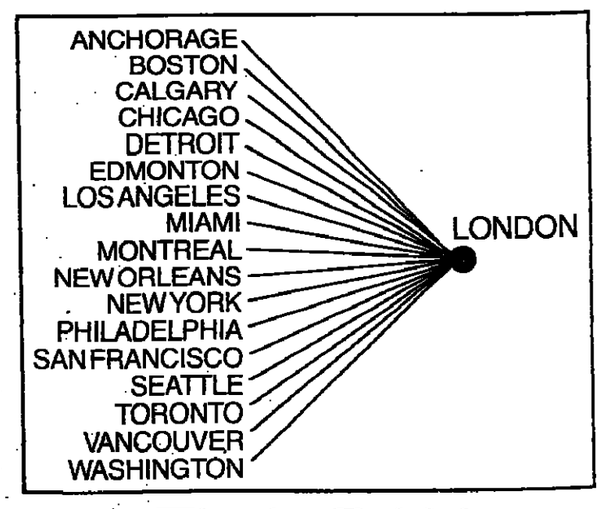

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From opposition groups

Jakarta sees threat to internal stability

JAKARTA, May 26 (AFP) — Two weeks after the ruling Golkar Party's landslide victory in the general elections, President Suharto's government has voiced fear of a resurgence of extraparliamentary opposition activities ahead of next year's presidential election.

In a confidential report released after the recent electoral campaign, the Indonesian secret service (Bakin) has warned of possible "opposition activities" (other than those permitted within the three legal parties) "which could climax in 1983".

There was no word on what those "activities" would involve but observers said it was the unexpected violence which marred the recent election campaign which sparked the fear of bigger trouble. Addressing a plenary cabinet meeting at which the report was unveiled last week, President Suharto urged various ministries to give it due attention.

The meeting of the National Assembly, convened every five years to elect the president and vice president and to map out the next government's major policy guidelines, is scheduled for March 1983. Analysts attributed the official concern about internal stability to the adverse effects of any unrest on the country's economic development.

Suharto is however widely expected to be re-elected to a fourth five-year term. Looking ahead at the 1988 presidential succession, analysts attached particular significance to the election of the vice president — the post is currently held by Adam Malik — next year. The post is seen as a possible springboard for the presidency.

According to the secret service head, Gen. Yoga Soegama, the extraparliamentary opposition activities could last until the end of the National Assembly session.

Information Minister Gen. Ali Mutopo said the national security agency (Kopkamtib) and Bakin would give "top priority" to the threat. "They will not act arbitrarily but will act once the limits have been breached," he said, adding "the rules of the game will be observed."

He however defined acceptable "limits" as "making demands based on the constitution through democratic channels respecting discipline". Analysts noted that the opposition could be expected to influence the National Assembly, a key decision-making body, through various "pressures".

The government appears to fear the impact of underground petitions, pamphlets and open letters which have been circulating throughout the country for some years. These underground actions, although limited in scope, could nevertheless degenerate into clashes such as the bloody riots last March 18 and 19 in Jakarta which left at least 11 persons dead and more than 180 injured, some official sources said.

Analysts said the "extraparliamentary" opposition groups named in the secret service report were most likely the "petition 50" and various Muslim factions. The "Petition 50" group, founded in 1980, consists of 50 leading figures opposed to President Suharto's regime. It calls for a revision of the laws which, they claim, are "anti-democratic" and are moving further and further away from the 1945 constitution.

The group includes former Defense Minister Gen. Nasution, former Jakarta Governor General Ali Sadikin, and Dharsono, one of the three generals who actively contributed to Suharto's rise to the presidency.

If the "petition 50" group is worrying because of the status of its signatories, the government apparently sees a greater long-term threat coming from radical Muslim groups, which maintain some links with the "Petition 50". Some officials said that the Muslim groups would like the present regime's policies to conform with Islamic law and teachings.

Meanwhile, the Indonesian government has banned at least seven foreign newspapers, stepping up its already tight censorship policy, authoritative sources said Tuesday. The newspapers include the London *Observer*, the French *Le Figaro*, *L'Aurore* and *France-Soir*, and the Sydney *Morning Herald* and *The Australian*. The French daily *Le Monde*, although not officially banned has apparently not been seen here for a few weeks.

Maputo worried about insurgency

MAPUTO, May 26 (AFP) — Two of Mozambique's top military leaders have left Maputo on missions that appear to be linked to mounting army efforts against the activities of South African-backed insurgents in large parts of the country.

The Mozambican news agency, AIM, reported Tuesday that Defense Minister Joaquim Alberto Chipande has left for Tanzania, where he is to hand President Julius Nyerere a message from Mozambican President Samora Machel.

Chipande's trip came as the vice defense minister and chief of the joint military staff, Lt.-Gen. Sebastiao Mabote, was in Moscow to deliver a message from Machel to Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. Mabote was with Marcelino dos Santos the Frelimo Party economic secretary and top negotiator with the Soviet Union. The two trips were taking place as President Machel and several cabinet ministers were on tours of Nicaragua, Grenada and Cuba.

The contents of the two messages have not been released, but observers in the Mozambican capital believe they are related to a concern over the recent southward spread of insurgent activities.

Season begins June 1

U.S. braces for hurricanes

MIAMI, May 26 (R) — U.S. federal officials say more than 60 million Americans now live in regions threatened by killer hurricanes that are bound to strike the Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico coasts in the future.

"It's not a matter of if, but a matter of when it will happen," an official of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) told a news conference here Tuesday. The hurricane season officially begins June 1 and lasts until Nov. 30. In this century alone, 31 of the devastating storms, which are spawned in the South Atlantic, have claimed 15,000 lives.

With the rapid growth of construction along the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coastlines, NOAA administrator John Byrne said that this season was potentially the most disastrous ever in terms of threat to human life and property. Byrne said the population of the threatened regions had grown to 60 million, not including a tourist population of further millions. "I consider every one of these persons at risk," he added.

An average of two major storms strike every three years, he said. "The 31 killer storms of the century to date have spared no part of the Gulf or Atlantic coasts." Despite elaborate electronic surveillance equipment, NOAA is only able to give about 12 hours warning that a hurricane is likely to strike a specific area. "Unfortunately this is far from enough time to escape from a hurricane," he said.

The most lethal aspect of a hurricane was not the rain and wind, but the accompanying storm surge, a wave up to 25 feet high and many miles wide, capable of demolishing all but the best constructed buildings. Yet, Byrne said, in many places where hurricanes have killed people and leveled buildings, houses, flats and hotels have risen again, even closer to the water.

For people in the many builtup coastal areas where prompt evacuation was not feasible, recommended "vertical evacuation" to the upper floors of the tallest buildings.

Zimbabwean killed

S.Africa 'provoking conflict'

HARARE, May 26 (AFP) — Zimbabwe's security minister has charged that South African soldiers shot a Zimbabwean woman dead and briefly held a number of others prisoner along the border last week in an attempt to provoke conflict with Zimbabwe.

The minister, Emmerson Munangagwa, made the charge at a rally near the Midlands town of Kwekwe Tuesday, according to the Zimbabwean news agency Ziana. He said the South Africans had opened fire on May 18 from their side of the Limpopo, the river that forms the 200-km border between the black — and white-ruled neighbors, killing a woman on the Zimbabwean side.

At about the same time, Munangagwa said, 15 South African soldiers crossed into Zimbabwean territory and "abducted" a number of other women. They were later released after having been forced to provide chickens for the soldiers' meal, he said. "South Africa is provoking Zimbabwe into retaliation so that (it) can have some excuse for a war against Zimbabwe," Munangagwa said, according to Ziana.

Munangagwa, who heads Zimbabwe's security police, was quoted as warning the minority Patriotic Front (PF) party of Joshua Nkomo against being used by South Africa. "We have information that several million dollars have been collected in South Africa to fund a rebellion in Matabeleland," Nkomo's political stronghold that has been the scene of widespread violence by dissident Nkomo guerrillas for more than two months, Munangagwa said.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Simon Muzenda, in a message to the nation marking the 19th anniversary of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), said Tuesday night that the African liberation struggle had 'finally broken into the apartheid citadel in South Africa itself" with increased guerrilla sabotage activity in 1981.

Muzenda, acting prime minister during the absence in Europe of Robert Mugabe, asserted that "acts of international terrorism, military aggression, political and economic destabilization (by South Africa) will not in any way deter" the six front-line states from "supporting the struggle for a just cause" — the independence of Namibia and majority rule in South Africa itself.

Pretoria considering action against papers

JOHANNESBURG, May 26 (AP) — The South African defense force is considering action against a newspaper group because of an article saying South Africa sold arms to Argentina, it was reported.

In parliament, Defense Minister Magnus Malan denied the report that South Africa gave Argentina sophisticated missiles and spare parts for Mirage jets to be used against Britain in the Falklands.

The defense force is considering the possibility of taking steps against the Argus group and will ask for an investigation, the South African Press Association reported. A defense force spokesman would not elaborate on the steps being considered, APA said.

Defense officials could not be reached to comment on the matter. South African law sharply restricts unauthorized disclosure of information on arms manufacture and sale.

Argus Papers, which make up the nation's English-language afternoon newspaper group, reported Tuesday that the original arms sale story resulted from "carefully placed diplomatic leaks."

BRIEFS

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Nine countries have so far confirmed their participation in the annual international Qur'an reading competition to be held here for five days beginning July 8, organizing committee chairman Kamaruddin Mat Isa said Wednesday. He said the countries are Indonesia, Brunei, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Iran, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Thailand and Turkey.

OSLO (AFP) — The International Federation of Newspaper Editors Wednesday gave its highest award, the Golden Pen of Freedom, to Pedro Joaquin Chamorro Barrios, editor of the Nicaraguan daily *La Prensa*.

JAKARTA (AP) — Former Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and her husband Prince Bernhard arrived here Wednesday for a two-week private visit. The royal couple was greeted at the airport by Sultan Hamengku Buwono IX, head administrator of the ancient city of Jogjakarta in central Java, and other Indonesian dignitaries.

MOSCOW (AP) — Nikolai, A. Mikhailov, a former Soviet minister of culture and one-time chief censor of the Soviet Union, died Tuesday at age 75, Soviet newspapers reported Wednesday. Mikhailov headed the Young Communist League for 14 years under Stalin and was a secretary of the Soviet Communist Party central committee at the time of Stalin's death in 1953.

OKAYAMA, Western Japan (AFP) — A 36-year-old housewife, Wednesday gave birth to quadruplets — two boys and two girls — prematurely by a caesarean operation at a hospital here. A hospital spokesman said the mother and four babies, ranging in weight from 2,055 to 2,400 grams, were all doing fine.

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet engineers have set a world record by drilling a borehole to a depth of 11,000 meters on the Arctic Kola peninsula, Tass news agency said Wednesday. According to the *Guinness Book of Records*, man's previous deepest penetration of the earth's crust was a U.S. gas well in Oklahoma which reached 9,583 meters in 1974.

Senator to meet leaders in Peking on Taipei deal

PEKING, May 26 (AFP) — The lingering dispute over the sale of U.S. arms to Nationalist China (Taiwan) is again likely to top the agenda of Sino-American talks when U.S. Senate majority leader Howard Baker arrives here Sunday.

Reports from Washington said that Baker, a Republican from the southern state of Tennessee, would be carrying a new letter from President Ronald Reagan to Chinese leaders to add to three others already made public. The three letters, to China's top ruler Deng Xiaoping, Premier Zhao Ziyang and Communist Party Chairman Hu Yaobang, were released by Vice President George Bush at the end of two days of talks here three weeks ago.

In the messages, Reagan called for a boost in Sino-American "strategic" cooperation against the Soviet Union and urged China not to allow any "residual disagreement" over Taiwan to hamper efforts to strengthen bilateral ties.

Neither U.S. nor Chinese officials would comment on Bush's talks with top Chinese leaders on the question of American military aid to Taiwan. But unconfirmed reports said that the discussions included U.S. assurances to China that such aid would not continue indefinitely. If true, this would be a concession to Peking, which has sought a time limit on U.S. arms sales to the Nationalist-ruled island.

Bush told a news conference before leaving Peking that "progress" had been made on the Taiwan question during his visit and said he would bring back to Reagan a "clear perception" of the Chinese position and "certain ideas" advanced by leaders here.

The Reagan letters made public by Bush provoked an outcry in Taipei where press commentaries focused on the U.S. president's approval for the first time of Peking's proposals for a peaceful reunification of Taiwan and the mainland. Taipei has rejected the proposals. The press also noted that Reagan stressed in his letter to Zhao that "progress toward a peaceful solution" of the Taiwan problem would be accompanied by "a decrease in the need for arms" by Taipei.

There were no immediate indications from the Chinese or American sides here on the nature of the talks Baker was to have with Peking officials.

The U.S. Embassy said in a statement that he would meet with members of the National People's Congress and "other Chinese leaders." But observers expected that the American legislator would have talks with top-level leaders here during his 10-day visit. The senator is scheduled to leave China on June 8.

Meanwhile, the *People's Daily*, China's leading newspaper, reaffirmed Wednesday that Chinese sovereignty over Taiwan was a matter of principle.

Sophia requires 9 days for parole

CASERTA, Italy, May 26 (AFP) — Actress Sophia Loren will have to spend another nine days in prison before being released on parole, an informed legal source said Wednesday.

Miss Loren, who has so far served one week of a 30-day sentence at the women's prison here for income tax evasion, will benefit from a new law permitting parole for prisoners serving less than a six-month sentence. But the source noted that because of the number of applications under the new law, which came into effect on Monday, Miss Loren's case may not be considered until next Wednesday.

The actress' visitors said she is deeply depressed, chain-smoking and sleeping and eating little. Miss Loren's friends said she spends her days writing, and has filled dozens of pages of a personal diary. But the sources added that the diary will not be published, quashing rumors that a U.S. magazine had bought the rights to her memoirs.

Italian, French Reds forge ties

PARIS, May 26 (R) — Italian Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer and French party chief Georges Marchais pledged to work together Tuesday but acknowledged their parties still differed widely, mainly over the Soviet Union and its policies.

In a joint communique after two days of talks, the leaders of West Europe's two biggest Communist parties said they agreed to continue their cooperation "without masking differences of opinion and certain divergent views."

Relations between the two parties have been marked by mutual suspicion since the mid 1970s when Marchais led his party back into the pro-Soviet camp following a brief flirtation with the moderate "Euro communism" practised by the Italians. Differences over Afghanistan and Poland as well as Berlinguer's growing links with France's ruling Socialist Party have recently added to the strains.

Political commentators said Tuesday's communique appeared to reflect less harmony than a similar statement issued after Berlinguer held talks with Socialist Party leader Lionel Jospin in Paris last March.

Moreover Berlinguer confirmed that his party had been asked to attend a French Socialist conference on "the new internationalism," while French Communist officials said their party had not been invited. Nevertheless, Marchais joined his Italian colleague Tuesday in supporting efforts to strengthen ties between Communist and Socialist parties.

On Afghanistan, Marchais told a press conference his party maintained its view that the Soviet intervention has been carried out at the legitimate request of the Afghan people while Berlinguer said his party continued to condemn the Soviet presence there.

Berlinguer said the Italian party considered the Dec. 12 military crackdown in Poland as unacceptable while Marchais said the Polish government had to bring in martial law.

On the Soviet bloc as a whole, Marchais repeated his party's view that despite "shortcomings," the East European countries had preserved peace in the world and were achieving progress.

Riots erupt in Bogota

BOGOTA, May 26 (R) — Several hundred students clashed with police in Bogota Tuesday in an attempt to disrupt next Sunday's presidential elections. Two bombs exploded near the National University and stones were hurled at police. Five persons were injured and some 20 were arrested, police said.

All four candidates in next Sunday's elections are stressing in their campaigns the need to end political violence between leftist guerrillas and the Colombian government. Last year 200 soldiers, 200 civilians and 278 guerrillas were killed in the violence.

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U.S. records budget surplus of $9.7b

WASHINGTON, May 26 (R) — The U.S. recorded a budget surplus of $9.7 billion in April, compared to a $17.19 billion surplus in April 1981 and a $18.26 billion deficit in March, the Treasury Department said.

The treasury also reported an off-budget deficit of $993 million dropping the total April surplus to $8.71 billion.

During the first seven months of fiscal 1982, the deficit totaled $62.21 billion up from $48 billion in the comparable period of fiscal 1981. The deficit for all of fiscal 1981 totaled $57.93 billion. The Reagan administration estimates a fiscal 1982 deficit of $100.5 billion.

The government spent $66.07 billion last month, compared to $57 billion in April 1981 and $63.55 billion in March. Receipts totaled $75.78 billion in April, up from $74.19 billion in April 1981 and $45.29 billion in March.

Meanwhile treasury officials have *requested additional borrowing authority of* nearly $200 billion to keep the government solvent through the end of fiscal 1983. At that time, according to department estimates, government debt will total $1.275 trillion

Under current law, the treasury is allowed to contract debt up to a ceiling of $1.0798 trillion. This ceiling was supposed to be high enough to carry the government through the end of fiscal 1982 on Sept. 30.

However, with the federal budget deficit now expected to exceed $100 billion this year, compared with an estimated $45 billion when the ceiling was enacted, the current ceiling is far too low.

Total government debt is now only $10 billion short of the ceiling, and treasury officials say the ceiling will be reached by the end of June. By the end of September, they say debt will total $1.1318 trillion providing *Congress allows further borrowing.*

Unless Congress acts by the third week in June, the government will be unable to borrow money and may have to stop honoring some of its obligations, Assistant Treasury Secretary Roger Mehle warned this week.

Japan makes mini-videos

TOKYO, May 26 (R) — The Victor Company of Japan Wednesday said its new mini-video system using a cassette the size of a cigarette packet would come on the market here in July.

JVC claimed the system is the world's smaller video tape recorder (VTR). It said it would be sold in the United States later in 1982 and West Europe and elsewhere early in 1983.

The firm said it would initially produce 10,000 sets a month for retail sale, including a battery pack, at 159,000 yen ($664).

The new VTR, called HR-C3, is designed primarily as a portable unit to be used with a video camera and is about 50 percent smaller than most others of its type.

It weighs two kilos (4.4 pounds), with a power consumption of 4.8 watts, compared with 9.6 watts for a conventional portable set, it said. JVC and 11 other Japanese companies using the VHS format for VTRs, earlier this week announced that they have standardized the 20-minute compact cassette for use in the new system.

The cassettes will be sold in Japan for 2,300 yen ($9.60) each, JVC said adding that it can be used on conventional recorders by using an adaptor.

Sharjah set to export oil from 'Saaja'

ABU DHABI, May 26 (WAM) — *Sharjah* has begun production of light oil and expects to start exports as scheduled from next month.

Production on Sharjah's first onshore field 'Saaja' began early this month with most of the storing and gathering facilities having been completed on time.

The onshore strike of the Emirate was first announced Dec. 7, 1980 when Sharjah's Department of Petroleum stated that the field was capable of producing 80,000 barrels of oil and 800 million cubic feet of gas per day when fully exploited.

The full exploitation of the enormous gas reserves onshore, it had been officially stated, would mean the commissioning of at least 20 wells.

With the wells commissioned so far, the production of condensate is expected to be on a smaller scale at present. Plans for the utilization of the gas which initially will have to be flared have been underway for sometime and the first step in that direction would be when the power generating units in the Emirate begin utilizing the gas as the energy source.

Paris transport looking up

PARIS, May 26 (ONS) — In a contradiction of the economic climate, the Paris region's public transport system has just made an operating profit, started taking on 3,000 *extra staff and will cut commuter season ticket prices by 40 percent in October.*

The system's first Communist chairman, Claude Quin, has been congratulating himself this week on a successful piece of economic juggling in which 'a strong socially-oriented policy has not proved *incompatible with a general improvement in* services.'

But in promising to cut prices on what is already one of Europe's cheapest public systems, Quin is being backed by government decisions that disguise realities.

The operating 'profit' of about $27 million on a *$1.8 billion-a-year budget is technically* a surprise surplus after enormous government and city council subsidies that reduce the price of a Metro ticket to only 38 percent of its real cost. The engagement of 3,000 extra workers is part of a government-backed scheme to find more jobs while the cheaper season tickets will be at the expense of employers.

And while it is a Communist who is taking *the credit, the real success of the Paris transport system* is based on a all-party consensus that it is the government's responsibility to ensure cheap and modern public transport.

Even under Gaullist and Giscardian governments there was a common will to reduce ticket costs by subsidy while developing a modern system around express suburban Metro lines and an all-purpose orange card season ticket for buses, Metro and mainline suburban trains.

With even the basic go-anywhere ticket on the Paris Metro costing only about 35 cents, passenger traffic on the internal city system *rose by 3 percent last year while the express* Metro to the suburbs saw a 9 percent rise. The extra staff, which includes the return of the once redundant stationmaster, is seen as part of a general improvement in a service that is attracting more customers.

From joining EEC curbs

Finger in Argentine pie kept Italy away

ROME, May 26 (R) — Huge business contracts and a possible 1.3 million votes persuaded Italy's politicians to refuse European Economic Community (EEC) sanctions against Argentina, political sources say.

The figures alone are compelling: there are 1,300,000 Italian citizens in Argentina and if legislation currently before parliament goes through every one will be able to vote in Italian elections, which could come this year.

Argentina is Italy's second largest trading partner in Latin America and has about 12 million citizens of Italian extraction, official figures show.

There are contracts worth $7 billion under negotiation between some of Italy's best-known industrial names and Argentina for everything from fashion to power plants.

The decision to opt out of EEC sanctions, renewed in Brussels on Monday, was a blow to the European policy of Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo and diplomats say he has overruled by colleagues who feard the issue might bring about a government crisis.

Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini, however, made clear to Argentina's new ambassador here that the government expected Argentina to withdraw its troops from the disputed islands.

Spadolini said the decision on sanctions should not be taken as meaning a thaw in Italy's political approach to the conflict and to Argentina's military rulers, an official statement said.

Relations between the two countries have been cool for over a decade despite their close blood ties. The last Italian foreign minister to go to Buenos Aires was Amintore Fanfani in 1967 and when the then Argentine president, Gen. Jorge Videla, arrived for the funeral of Pope Paul VI in 1978 he was cold-shouldered by the government.

Italian President Sandro Pertini, a Socialist, refused to meet Gen. Videla because of Argentina's human rights record and last week told a meeting that Italy had great sympathy for the Argentina peole but none for their rulers. But the sticky issue of sanctions pitted these declarations against the reality of Italy's shaky coalition politics.

According to the Italian industry association Confindustria 1981 exports to Argentina totaled only $450 million — about a tenth of those to Britain — but there are a total of $7 billion worth of contracts under negotiation.

These include a consortium bidding for the $2.5 billion Buenos Aires Metro project and another for the Yacireta dam plan worth $1.7 billion.

Among current operators, the auto giant *Fiat is Italy's largest corporate presence in* Argentina, where it runs the loss-making Sevel car plant employing 11,000 workers, but has a highly profitable industrial machinery subsidiary.

The state Condotte d'Acqua construction combine is also involved incontracts from which it could not remit payments while EEC sanctions were in force. Italy will still observe the ban on military sales which stops Beretta, Agusta and Oto Melara from selling a range of their products.

Before the sanctions decision was taken, *Socialist leader Bettino Craxi pushed* Spadolini to the brink by threatening to pull out of the coalition and bring it down if Italy supported sanctions.

Then the Christian Democratic Party decided that it, too, could no longer support a measure that might endanger commercial contacts with Argentina and the decision was taken in a series of frantic telephone consultations between Colombo in Luxembourg and the feuding parties in Rome.

Press comment on the move has ranged from applause for ending what many here see as support for colonialism to gloomy prophecies about its long-term implications.

Several papers, while acknowledging the commercial pressure to end sanctions, expressed concern for Italy's isolation in Europe and said that, once again, domestic feuds had pushed foreign policy into a provincial background.

Pakistan, EEC sign textile pact

BRUSSELS, May 26 (AFP) — Pakistan and the European Economic Community (EEC) have concluded a textile agreement covering four years' imports into the community starting next Jan. 1.

Pakistan is the second of 28 low production cost countries signing bilateral agreements with the EEC under the multifiber arrangement (MFA). Sri Lanka was the first.

The agreement fixes starting quotas and lays down authorized annual increases. An informed source said the 1983 quotas for Pakistan are cotton yarn, 7,250 tons (annual authorized rise 0.5 percent), cotton fabric, 2,432 tons (0.5 percent), teeshirts 8.213 million units (four percent), pullovers, 2.131 million units (five percent), men's shirts 2.902 million units (two percent), towelling 2,000 tons (five percent).

Japan to cut oil refining 17%

TOKYO, May 26 (R) — Japan's Petroleum Council, an official advisory body to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), has approved MITI's plan to cut Japanese oil refining capacity by 17 percent from the present 5.94 million barrels per day (bpd) by mid-1983, the ministry said.

The measure is designed to help reconstruct the oil industry, which has been suffer*ing from slow domestic refining in recent* years in line with sluggish oil consumption, it said. The operating ratio of refineries fell to a 23-year low of 59.5 percent in year ended March 31.

MITI said it will ask refineries to submit capacity reduction plans by the end of next month, MITI said.

The step follows expected slow growth in Japanese oil demand because of the shift to alternative energy sources, an energy conservation program since the 1973 oil crisis as well as projected slow Japanese economic growth, it said.

The council also approved MITI's oil import outlook of 4.42 million bpd for fiscal 1982, started last month, down 3.5 percent from 4.58 million bpd in fiscal 1981, and 4.80 million bpd in fiscal 1986, it said.

The 1982 oil import projection comprises 3.81 million bpd of crude oil, down from four million bpd in fiscal 1981, and the remainder *in oil products in crude oil equivalent.* Crude oil imports in fiscal 1986 were estimated at 4.03 million bpd, MITI said.

The reduced refining capacity of 4.94 million bpd should be enough to process the projected crude oil imports with reasonable leeway, estimating the operation ratio of refineries between 75 and 80 percent in five years time, it said.

Japanese domestic crude oil production was roughly estimated at an annual 3.90 million barrels for fiscal 1982 and 11.60 million in fiscal 1986, MITI added.

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Poised to lift import curbs

Japan's industrial output falls

TOKYO, May 26 (R) — Japan's preliminary industrial production index (base 1975) fell 0.9 percent in April to a seasonally-adjusted 148.8 from an upward revised 150.2 in March, the International Trade and Industry Ministry said.

The March index was 1.4 percent up from February, while in unadjusted terms the April figure was 2.8 percent higher than a year earlier, following a 4.1 percent year-on-year gain in March, the ministry said.

The preliminary April producers' shipment index (base 1975) fell 1.9 percent to an adjusted 138.8 from an upward-revised 141.5 in March, when it rose 1.5 percent from February.

The unadjusted April shipment index was unchanged from a year earlier, following a 2.7 percent year-on-year March rise, the ministry said.

The preliminary adjusted April index of producers' inventories of finished goods (base 1975) stood at 117.3, up 0.9 percent on an upward revised 116.2 in March, which was up 0.5 percent of February. The unadjusted April inventory index rose 1.5 percent from a year earlier, after a 0.4 percent year-on-year March gain.

In another development, Japan's latest measures to ease trade friction will be announced Friday in hopes of blunting criticism by its main trading partners before next month's second summit meeting at Versailles.

Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said Wednesday, as his government put final touches to the market-opening measures aimed at reducing huge trade surpluses with the United States and Western Europe, the summit should not deal with criticisms over trade.

Suzuki told a meeting of the major business group, the federation of economic organizations (Keidanren), that the package, the second this year, would be announced Friday.

He was confident that Japan's policy of lowering import tariffs and opening its market would be appreciated by the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC).

Government sources said the package, to be presented to the ruling Liberal Democratic Party before Friday's announcement, would cover items ranging from farm products, a central aspect of trade friction with Washington, to high technology.

Japan was also expected to refer to the lowering of 17 imported farm products, including lemon juice, peanut butter, sweet almonds, soyabean oil and Turkey meat, the sources said without detailing margins of reductions.

These measures on farm products were a last-minute addition to the package following progress at two-days of talks with the U.S. government in Washington that ended Tuesday.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.11
Bangladeshi Taka		16.15
Belgian Franc (1,000)		78.50
Canadian Dollar		278.00
Deutche Mark (100)	148.50	148.20
Dutch Guilder (100)	133.75	133.35
Egyptian Pound	3.43	3.63
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.40	93.50
French Franc (100)	57.50	57.20
Greek Drachma (1,000)	52.50	54.50
Indian Rupee (100)		36.80
Iranian Riyal (100)		
Iraqi Dinar		
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.10	26.80
Japanese Yen (1,000)		14.35
Jordanian Dinar	10.05	9.94
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.02	11.98
Lebanese Lira (100)	69.30	69.15
Moroccan Dirham (100)	56.00	59.70
Pakistani Rupee (100)		29.65
Philippines Peso (100)	—	41.15
Pound Sterling	6.22	6.19
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.35	94.35
Singapore Dollar (100)		164.50
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	33.00	33.35
Swiss Franc (100)	175.25	174.95
Syrian Lira (100)	57.60	63.60
U.S. Dollar	3.439	3.432
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.40	75.15

	Selling Price	Buying Price
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Ounce	1,170	1,140

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Export credit war heats up

PARIS, May 26, (R) — A hardening of attitudes among major industrial countries is leading to fears of an all-out fight over government export subsidies, French and other Western financial sources said Wednesday.

The 22 industrial countries have until June 15 to review a new set of credit rules proposed by Axel Wallen, a Swedish expert who served as chairman of talks on the issue held in Paris earlier this month. But the sources said European nations find many of Wallen's proposals almost totally unacceptable.

The delegates from Western nations and Japan failed to agree on new interest rate levels for officially backed export credits or on a reclassification of certain borrower countries.

Wallen has put forward a series of compromise proposals, which included a rise in interest rates charged to "relatively rich" and "intermediate" borrowers.

Under the proposals some intermediate borrowers, including the Soviet Union, would also be upgraded into the relatively rich category, while poorer nations, including Brazil, Mexico, Taiwan and South Korea, would be put up into the intermediate sector, thus raising the cost of their subsidized imports.

Delegates to the Paris conference originally had until Tuesday to agree to Wallen's proposals, which fell roughly between the recommendations of the Europeans and the demands of the United States, backed by Canada and Switzerland.

But last week the Common Market asked the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), at whose headquarters the negotiations took place, to postpone the introduction of new credit rules until June 15.

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The Europeans also believe that poorer countries should not be upgraded immediately but only after a period of two years, and added that Japan stands to benefit unfairly from Wallen's proposals.

Japan is already allowed to charge less than other lender nations for its export credits because its commercial interest rates are well below most other world rates.

Regan sees interest rates drop at hand

WASHINGTON, May 26 (R) — Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said he thinks Citibank's reduction in its prime rate Tuesday is the beginning of a trend in the decline of interest rates.

Citibank reduced its prime to 16 percent from 16.5 percent. Mitsui Manufacturers Bank, Los Angeles immediately followed, but no other major banks reduced their rates.

Nevertheless, Regan told reporters at the Foreign Press Center, "we think this (Citibank's cut) is the precursor of others reducing their rates." "We're encouraged by it," he added.

On a related topic, Regan said the economy should begin turning around soon. "We will be seeing the signs of recovery this spring," he said. The actual recovery should be in full swing in the third and fourth quarters, with inflation-adjusted gross national product running at four and 4.5 percent, Regan said.

Banks skeptical of Poles repaying

FRANKFURT, May 26 (R) — Western banks are sharply divided over the prospects of Poland being able to meet any debt repayments this year, but opposition to rescheduling interest payments remains strong, banking sources said Wednesday.

Polish officials have held several meetings with lenders since the completion in early April of an agreement deferring repayment of $2.4 billion owed to the banks last year. But no concrete proposal had been made for giving Warsaw further breathing space by rescheduling more than $10 billion due to banks and Western governments this year.

The sources, East European specialists at major international banks in Europe, said that Poland's requests for new credits to pay for imports, repeated to banks in New York this week, have met a chilly reception.

"Just putting money into a country does not solve its problems, especially if country does not even pay the interest it owes," one source said.

Financial Roundup

Dollar maintains strength

By J.H.Hammond

JEDDAH, May 26 — The American dollar continued to remain strong Wednesday in Europe despite the decision by several U.S. commercial banks to cut back their prime lending rates from 16½ percent to 16 percent Tuesday night in New York. On Wednesday Eurodollar deposit rates remained firm with the one-month deposit rates quoted at between 14⅝ to 14¼ percent and the one-year deposit at 14 7/16 percent.

In New York the previous night saw Federal Reserve "Fed Fund" prime lending rates fall to 13¼ percent levels from nearly 14 percent Monday night and this might have prompted the commercial banks to cut their prime lending rates on the assumption that "Fed fund" rates had really fallen for more than was "necessary" even allowing for the 'Fed's' action over the Drysdale episode last week when the central bank had pumped liquidity into the system.

In the bullion market gold and silver managed a partial recovery Wednesday after renewed clashes in the Atlantic had turned to the worse. Gold prices closed at $329 levels in New York on Tuesday night and traded at nearly $331 on Wednesday. Silver was also up over Tuesday levels of 6.48 and rose to $6.61 on Wednesday. Once again, bullion dealers are not too optimistic that bullion prices could remain stable at such present levels.

In the European exchange markets, the major currencies weakened against the dollar after the rising world tensions due to the Falklands and the Gulf war. The French franc shed most of its recent gains and traded at nearly 6.00 levels compared to more optimistic levels of 5.9510 earlier this week. The British pound fell back after the news of more British ships sunk in the Falklands and sterling traded at 1.7930 levels despite some Bank of England support Wednesday.

The German mark was also weaker at 2.3150 from 2.3010 levels Tuesday but the Swiss franc seemed stable at 1.9530 after the recent Swiss interest rate hikes last week. The yen fell back in both Hong Kong and London on Wednesday to trade at 240.10 levels from 239.00 on Tuesday. The yen had been nervously traded recently in renewed concerns over possible trade wars with Europe.

In the local markets, there was some slight firming in riyal rates especially in the short tenors taking the one-month rate to 12½ -13 percent from 12-12½ percent levels Tuesday. Week-fixed deposits were also up to 13½ percent but the longer tenors were more stable at 12⅜-12⅞ percent. Trading was reported to have been moderate Wednesday but was about average for the exchange markets. Spot riyal dollar rates were quoted initially at 3.4305-10 but rose to 3.4315-20 by the close of the session.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	329.50
Paris	336.04
Frankfurt	333.00
Zurich	330.50
Hong Kong	331.73

Falklands seen hitting U.K. trade

LONDON, May 26 (AFP) — The Falklands conflict will have a significant effect on British trade, the authoritative National Institute of Economic and Social Research has said here.

The institute added that military spending and its influence on Britain's financial climate could have adverse effects on the economy, but that this was still too early to be measured.

It said the economic effects thus far had been negligible. The pound sterling had weakened initially when the Falklands crisis began. But had since recovered.

The institute said Britain would have no trouble replacing its imports from Argentina, which amount to only 0.22 percent of total imports.

Even if alternative markets were 20 percent more expensive, Britain's total import bill would be only 0.05 percent higher, the institute said, adding that Argentina accounted for no more than 0.35 percent of Britain's exports.

Meanwhile, French businessmen are worried by the closing of the Argentinian market to French exports, particularly industrial goods. They fear that other countries will climb in to take their place.

BA flights disrupted

LONDON, May 26 (AP) — British Airways flights into and out of London's Heathrow Airport were disrupted Wednesday following a lightning strike by engineering and maintenance staff over pay and working conditions, airport authorities reported.

The stoppage was due to last 24 hours. Incoming Jumbo jets from Montreal and New York were diverted to Stanstead airport in Essex, while a flight from Los Angeles was directed to Glasgow, Scotland. Flights from Dublin, Berlin and Rome were also diverted and several outgoing flights delayed.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The International Finance Corporation (IFC), an affiliate of the World Bank, announced Wednesday that the first heavy diesel engine production facility in Turkey will be built in a project financed by Turkish and West German institutions and companies and the IFC. The project to cost 88 million West German marks will have a capacity of 7,000 diesel engines a year for heavy trucks, buses, construction machinery, marine and other applications.

ROME (AFP) — Libya and Italy have thrashed out an accord on Tripoli's debts to Italian firms and a resumption of Italy's purchases of Libyan oil, it was announced here Wednesday. The deal follows several days of hard bargaining between Italian Premier Giovanni Spadolini and the Libyan number two, Major Abdulsalam Jalloud.

NEW YORK (AFP) — U.S. steel firms have again demanded that the government end imports of subsidized European steel. David Roderick, president of U.S. Steel, told the sector's annual gathering that the U.S. industry was losing out because the industry could take on companies, but not governments. Howard Love, president of Republic Steel, wanted steel import quotas to be imposed.

DETROIT (AFP) — General Motors has struck an accord with the Japanese automaker Isuzu to produce a small car in Japan for sale in the United States, GM has announced here. The new car, a front-wheel drive model, will be launched in 1984. About 200,000 models will be put onto the U.S. market to replace GM's Chevette.

PARIS (AFP) — The electronics group Philips and the French firm Thomson are on the point of creating a jointly-owned firm to market "Mazda" lighting equipment in Europe, spokesmen for the two firms has said here. Philips to take over majority control of the Thomson affiliate Compagnie des Lampes, which markets Mazda.

BAHRAIN (R) - A $144 million syndicated loan for the Trans-Mediterranean Pipeline Co. is expected to go to market this week, informed banking sources said. The six-year credit at 9/16 point over the London interbank offered rate (LIBOR), is to be used to help finance a national gas pipeline between Algeria and Italy. It is 50 percent guaranteed by Italy and 50 percent by Algeria.

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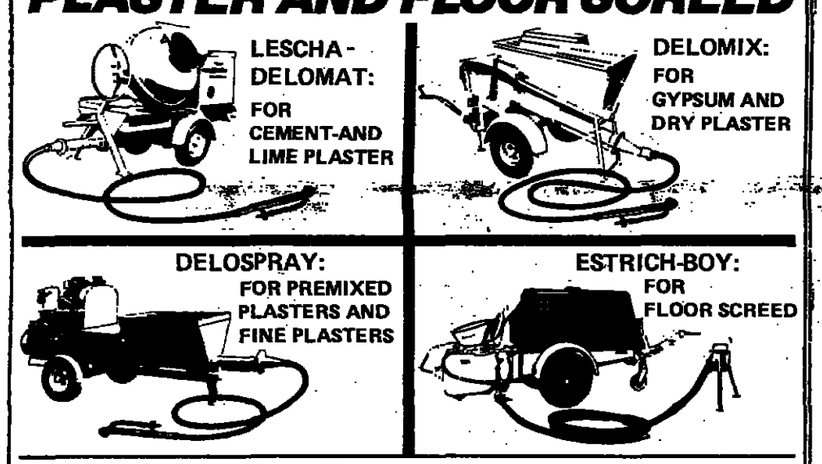

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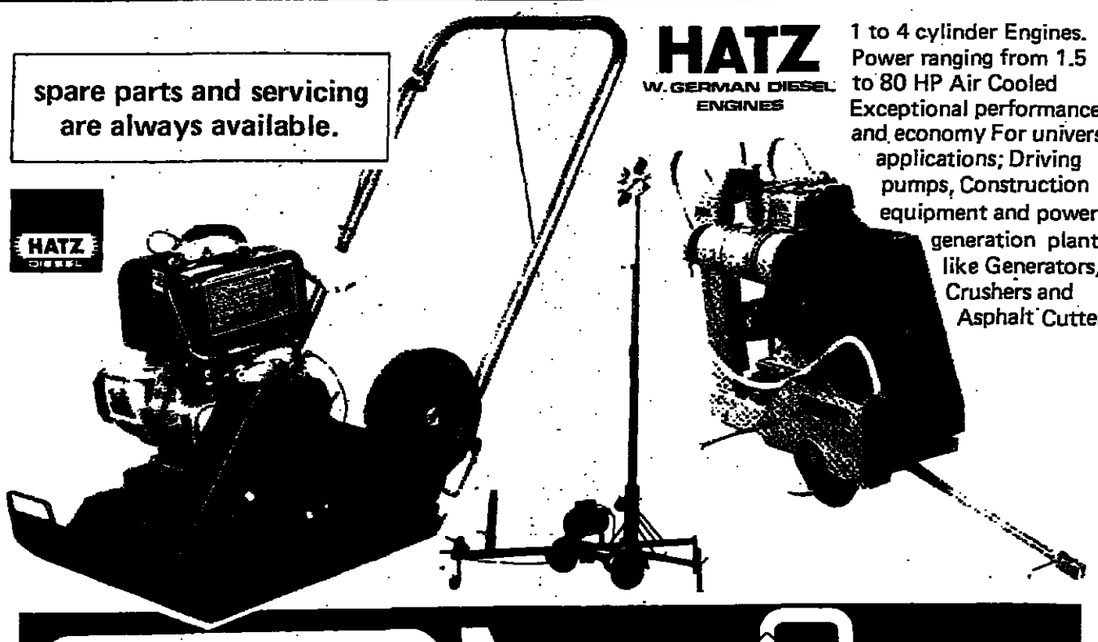

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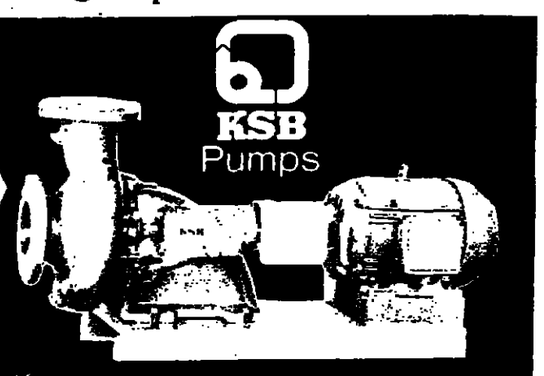

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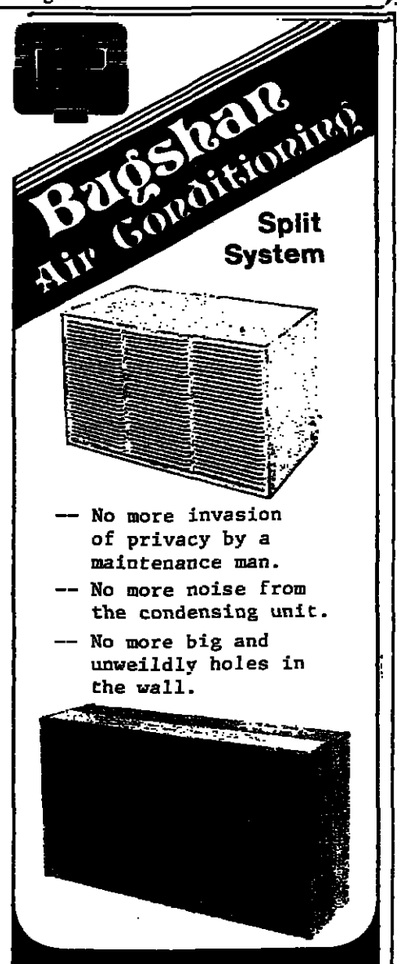

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McNamara rallies from brink

PARIS, May 26 — Australia's Peter McNamara, the seventh seed, staged a remarkable recovery to stay in contention for the French Open Tennis Crown at the Roland Garros Wednesday.

The 27-year-old Australian, was two sets and 2-5 down against American Harold Solomon before he staged the rally. McNamara saved three match points to finally chalk out a 2-6, 3-6, 7-6,6-1, 6-3 scord round victory. This was McNamara's second tough match in the championships.

Meanwhile, Sylvia Hanika, The No. 6 seed among the women, and No. 11 seed Brian Gottfried, in the men's singles, were both ousted in second-round matches Wednesday.

Spain's Fernando Luna, a 24-year-old ranked 71st, posted a 5-7, 6-3, 6-0, 6-4 triumph over Gottfried, a 30-year-old American ranked 22nd. "I had trouble with my volley and the other guy kept the ball goin," Gottfried said after the match.

Gottfried, a former finalist, was the second seeded player to be felled among the men. No. 14 seed Steve Denton of the United States was eliminated in a first-round match Tuesday by South Africa's Danie Visser, who was ousted Wednesday by Sweden's Joachim Nystrom, 6-7, 7-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Argentine Ivanna Madruga, Osses ranked 32nd in the world, staged the first upset among the women with a 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 second-round victory over West Germany's Hanika, last year's losing finalist.

The 23-year-old Hanika failed to show up at a news conference after her loss in violation of Grand Prix rules. No reason was given for her absence, but tournament officials said a $1,000 fine would be assessed against her for the violation.

Andres Gomez, a six-foot five-inch giant from Ecuador, finally nailed down stubborn Italian Corrado Barazzutti when his five-set cliff-hanger resumed Wednesday. The 22-year-old Gomez, who last weekend won the Italian title, looked as though he had let his chance slip Tuesday when he failed to convert three set points in a dramatic third-set tie-break and allowed Barazzutti to come back to level at two sets all.

The match was stopped at 3-3 in the fifth set because of failing light. Gomez, the ninth seed, made no mistakes Wednesday and didn't drop another game to move into the second-round on a 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 3-6, 6-3 scoreline. The match had lasted nearly four hours.

Another early Swedish success was notched up by 20-year-old Anders Jarryd, who defeated Finland's Leo Palin in straight-sets. Jarryd cruised into the third-round with a 6-3, 6-4, 6-0 win. His opponent for a place in the last sixteen will be the 10th seed, Mel Purcell of the United States. Purcell beat compatriot Jay Lapidus 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 in his second-round match.

Jimmy Connors...I would join the boycott if there's one.

'The old, old ways, that's Wimbledon'

PARIS, May 26 (AFP) — News that women's fashion designer Teddy Tinling has agreed to act as a 'troubleshooter' to try to iron out the growing criticism of the Wimbledon Championship by many of the world's leading players was warmly welcomed here Wednesday by Jimmy Connors.

The 29-year-old American seeded No. 1 for the French Open at Roland Garros in the absence of his old rivals Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe, was answering questions after coming safely through his first-round match in Paris against compatriot Bruce Manson.

I think it is necessary," he said, adding with a wry smile: "But maybe I'm not the one to ask. I'm not on Wimbledon's favorites list. The basic trouble is the attitude of the organizers at Wimbledon. They think that Wimbledon is bigger than the players. Perhaps that's right. But where would they be without the players. And without the sponsors where would the players be?"

"Unfortunately Wimbledon doesn't feel that way. They'd be happy if my wife was playing Peter McNamara's wife in the final." The Illinois player's face creased into a mischievous grin. "Gee... come to think of it that would be some match."

"Seriously — tradition is a major part of Wimbledon. What happened 100 years ago is still happening. And that cannot be all good." Connors continued. "I hope they are going to make an effort to keep up with times. This is 1982 and there's a lot going on."

Wimbledon should be making improvements and moving forward not standing still. But a lot of players don't think that's happening. At Wimbledon everything is difficult. It's difficult getting round the grounds. It's difficult getting in. It's difficult getting a car. It's hard on the players."

Connors was speaking 24 hours after his compatriot Vitas Gerulaitis labeled Wimbledon "the worst" tournament in the world. The New Yorker, in a harsh and outspoken interview, said that if players decided to boycott Wimbledon, he'd be "one hundred percent" in favor.

"Here in Paris the organizers try to improve conditions every year," said Gerulaitis, adding: "The French is the best tournament in the world for the players and the spectators. The worst is Wimbledon."

At Wimbledon you can't even have pratice facilities." Gerulaitis went on: "I'd skip Wimbledon if I could, even if it meant playing in the qualifying tournament here. I only play there because of my contracts."

Connors said that despite the obvious unrest, he didn't think there was a move afoot to stage a boycott for the forthcoming All-England championships. "I'm in no way a blind follower of anybody or anything and It's not in my contracts that I have to play Wimbledon, or for that matter the U.S. Open or the French."

"If everybody, and I mean everybody, decided on a boycott and the reason was justified I'd probably do it. But I don't have that many years left to play Wimbledon and have a chance to win.

"If I were to miss one of those years I'd be defeating the purpose of staying in the game, which is to win. Obviously Wimbledon is important to the players. Reputations are made there. Otherwise why would we play there. The prize money isn't great. You have to spend two weeks of grid and cope with the rains and everything like that."

Referring to the current French championships, Connors denied that the absence of Borg and McEnroe had improved his chances of winning the tournament.

QPR takes on Spurs sans Roeder, Allen

LONDON, May 26 (R) — Queen's Park Rangers captain Glenn Roeder is to miss Thursday's English Football Association (FA) Cup final replay following confirmation of a one-match suspension by Football Association officials.

The Rangers' sweeper, one of the stars in Saturday's 1-1 draw with Cup holders Tottenham Hotspur, was sent off in a League match two weeks ago. A sending-off carries an automatic one-match ban which takes effect 14 days later.

Nineteen-year-old defender Warren Neill looks set to fill the space in the Rangers' side with fullback Terry Fenwick, who scored the crucial equalizer at Wembley on Saturday, moving up into the midfield to replace Roeder. Neill scored one of the goals that set Rangers on course of Wembley in a 3-2 third round replay win over Middlesborough in January.

Rangers will also be without striker Clive Allen, who has failed to recover from an ankle injury sustained early in Saturday's game; and winger John Gregory is also doubtful.

While Tottenham have the good fortune to field an unchanged side for the replay, Manager Keith Burkishaw is unhappy about the penalty shoot-out that will decide the winner if the scores are level again after extra time. "I hope it doesn't come to it. The competition would never be the same again," he said.

Houston bids for Super Bowl

By Cynthia Shanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, May 26 — Three Houston men will be among 10 groups in New York June 3 trying to sell their stadiums to the NFL's owners, who will be voting on Super Bowl sites for games XIX (Jan. 20, 1985) and XX (Jan. 26, 1986).

Those involved with trying to bring the Super Bowl to Houston are optimistic of the city's chances. Two things in particular have improved Houston's chances: inflated ticket prices and the Oilers' deflated Super Bowl prospects.

Leonard Rolston president of the Greater Houston Convention and Visitor's Center, said the stakes in being chosen as one of the sites are high, and the bidding will be tough — but the rewards are great. Indeed, the rewards are very great. Super Bowl XVI this past January meant $61.8 million to the Detroit-area economy.

If the Super Bowl were to be held in Houston the game would be played at Rice's Stadium, which has a seating capacity of 74,000. To some, that may be small, and, in fact, of the 10 stadiums in the running. Rice is among the smallest.

Six for JKC meet

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 26 — Six entries have been received for the Kart race to be held by Jeddah Kart Club at the Youth Welfare Stadium.

The race, scheduled for 11.00 a.m. Friday, will have Neil Dunkel, who has raced in England, and Jim Thorpe, who participated in the Middle East Championship, on the starting grid.

Croker confident of participation in Spain

Greenwood's probables shape well

LONDON, May 26 (Agencies) — World Cup finalists England gave their confidence a timely boost when they beat The Netherlands 2-0 at Wembley Tuesday night with one of their most convincing performances in the run-up to next month's tournament in Spain.

The Dutch, who failed to qualify for the finals, were rocked by a two-goal burst in five minutes early in the second half and suffered their first defeat here.

England went ahead through Tony Woodcock in the 47th minute and extended the lead when Paul Mariner struck a well-taken goal in the 52nd. The Netherlands, who drew 0-0 and won 2-0 in their only previous games against England at Wembley, built up useful attacks but lacked finish.

The Dutch, attempting to emerge from a lean period after losing both the 1974 and 1978 World Cup finals, were without a couple of key players because of injury or unavailability. England, who face France, Czechoslovakia and Kuwait in the first phase of the finals, were also hit by injury and club commitments.

Manager Ron Greenwood admitted that he still has not decided which players he will select for his finals squad. Greenwood has to name his 22-man squad before June 4.

"How can I be certain about anything when I have so many players who are either injured or have not joined the training squad yet?" he asked.

Tottenham and Aston Villa players — including Glenn Hoddle, Ray Clemence and Tony Morley — have club commitments and have yet to join the sqad. Other key players, including Steve Coppell, Trevor Francis and Cyrille Regis, are injured.

Greenwood said he was taking 22 players to Troon to train for Saturday's British Championship match against Scotland. Three players who were in the squad for Tuesday night's 2-0 victory over Holland will not travel.

Alan Devonshire has a leg injury, Tony Woodcock has returned to West Germany to play for Cologue and Paul Goddard has been dropped.

England's two remaining matches before travelling to Spain for the World Cup, which begins June 13, are against the Scots Saturday and against Finland next week.

Meanwhile, Ted Croker, secretary of the English Football Association said that England will definitely take part in next month's finals. "We are definitely going and will be leaving for Spain on June 10," he said.

Three British teams — England, Scotland and Northern Ireland — have qualified for the finals and at one stage it looked as though the government would frown on their participation in light of the conflict with holders Argentina over Falklands. But this mood has changed and now great store is being placed on the morale of the British servicemen in the South Atlantic.

England goalkeeper Ray Clemence summed up this mood when he said: "It will be a boost for the lads in the South Atlantic. We have had lots of letters from the task force and I am very pleased we will be going for their sakes."

World Cup tid-bits

MADRID, (AFP) — The majority of Spaniards are not interested in next month's World Cup finals which their country is staging. A public opinion poll revealed that 52 percent of the people questioned were not interested and only 13 percent said the wanted to go to a match. The majority said they would follow the tournament on television.

GLASGOW, Scotland, (AFP) — Ipswich midfield player John Wark, who has scored 23 goals for his club this season, has rejoined the Scottish World Cup training camp after a doctor drained some fluid from a troublesome knee. Manager Jock Stein said it was up to Wark to prove his fitness.

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — Psychological problems have hit two of Belgium's World Cup squad members. Rene Verheyen and Wim Deconinck, the side's fourth goalkeeper, both are upset for different reason. While Verheyen has been given time off to recover from the shocking news of a fire in the firm where he works and a minor injury. Deconinck is upset over his performance in the Belgian Cup final.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — Two of Algeria's top players, Nureddine Kurichi and Abdallah Medjadi, have been dropped from the country's World Cup squad on disciplinary grounds.

GLASGOW, (AP) — Scotland soccer manager Jock Stein has vowed not to repeat the mistakes of previous teams that qualified for the World Cup finals. He feels that if Scotland started properly than their chances of making the second phase improves. He however, added that the key to success remained with the players.

Bayern, Villa at full strength

NETHERLANDS, May 26 (AP) — England's Aston Villa and West Germany's Bayern Munich will line up at full strength for the European Champions' Cup final at the Feyenoord Stadium here Wednesday night.

Bayern's Hungarian coach Csernai announced Tuesday that star midfielder Paul Breitner has recovered from a serious leg injury and is certain to be fielded.

Aston Villa overcame its last injury problems on Sunday when striker Gary Shaw passed a fitness test and manager Tony Barton said he would include him in the line-up for the final.

There had been talks in the German camp that Bayern would face the formidable task of wresting Europe's most coveted soccer trophy from the British without Breitner. British clubs have won the competition for the last five years.

But following his team's arrival in Rotterdam, Csernai told reporters that "Breitner is fit to play." The Bavarian captain took part in a relaxed work-out and later said he "felt fine."

Csernai was quite optimistic about the outcome of the final. He said he "Likes Rotterdam, because the weather here can be in our favor. We are used to playing under the type of conditions we may expect here."

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Padres chalk out narrow win

Cubs' Jenkins joins select band

NEW YORK, May 26 (AP) — A second-inning single by Broaderick Perkins drove in the winning run and the San Diego Padres defeated Chicago 2-1 as Ferguson Jenkins of the Cubs became the seventh pitcher in Major League history to record 3,000 career strikeouts. He boosted his total to 3,003.

In other National League games, Dave Concepcion singled home two runs and Dan Driessen added an RBI single to fuel a four-run eighth inning that rallied the Cincinnati Reds to a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over the Philadelphia Phillies Tuesday night. The Reds chased starter Garry Christenson with one out in the eighth when Wayne Krenchicki and pinch hitter Larry Brittner singled and Eddie Mitner doubled in a run.

Dale Murphy belted his 14th home run and Glen Hubbard added a three-run blast in an eight-run second inning outburst as the Atlanta Braves whipped the New York Mets 10-2.

The Braves sent 14 batters to the plate in the second and collected five extra-base hits and four singles off starter Mike Scott, 3-4, and reliever Tom Hausman.

Andrz Dawson belted two home runs and knocked in four runs and Gary Carter also homered to back David Palmer's first Major League victory in 1½ years as the Montreal Expos scored a 6-1 victory over the Houston Astros.

In the American League, Tim Foli homered and drove in four runs and Brian Downing and Bobby Grich smacked successive homers as the California Angels used two four-run innings to roll to a 10-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Roy Smalley and Oscar Gamble homered in New York's five-run seventh inning to back left-hander Tommy John, 4-4, in his second shutout of the season as the Yankees defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 8-0.

Jim Palmer recorded his 250th career victory behind Gary Roenicke's two homers and John Lowenstein's two-run shot as the Orioles crushed the Texas Rangers 10-3. Von Hayes hit a three-run homer, one of three by Cleveland, and Lary Sorenson tossed a seven-hitter as the Indians pounded the 7-0.

Cesar Geronimo drove in two runs with a homer and a single and Willie Aikens and Jerry Martin each doubled in a pair to lead rookie pitcher Keith Creel and the Kansas City Royals to a 7-4 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Creel made his Major-League debut a success by limiting the White Sox to five hits, but needed sixth-inning help from Dan Quisenberry, who picked up his 12th save.

Oakland's Dan Meyer snapped out of a 5-for-33 slump by tying a club record with three doubles and driving in two runs to spur Oakland to an 10-5 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

In late NL action, Steve Garvey cracked a run-scoring double in the sixth inning to break a 2-2 tie as the Los Angeles Dodgers topped the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2 behind the five-hit pitching of Fernando Valenzuela. Valenzuela, 6-4, struck out seven and walked none as he hurled his fifth complete game in 10 starts, getting the Dodgers back to .500.

The St. Louis Cardinals struck with a pair of three-run innings and beat the San Francisco Giants 8-3 despite Reggie Smith's 300th Major League home run. Ken Oberkfell drove in three St. Louis runs with an RBI single in the fourth and a two-run triple in the seventh. Glenn Brummer drove in two runs with a sixth-inning infield single.

In late AL play, Seattle's Dave Henderson legged out an infield single with two out in the ninth inning to score pinch-runner Joe Simpson with the winning run as the Mariners came from behind to down Detroit 7-6.

Third World set to get IOC aid

ROME, May 26 (R) — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is to set aside up to $4 million to help Third World countries take part in the 1984 Los Angeles Games, IC Director Monique Berlioux said Tuesday.

She told a pressconference after the first day of a two day IOC executive board meeting here that fees for television rights at the Games would amount to between $35 and 40 million. The Executive Board had decided to set aside 10 percent of this sum as a reserve fund to help Third World teams which could not otherwise afford to go to Los Angeles.

A working groups had been set up to study how this contribution could best be used. A separate sum of $3.6 million would be used to pay the expenses of judges and referees at the Games. The rest of the television money, just over $32 million, would be split between the IOC, the international federations governing each sport and the National Olympic Committees of each country.

The IOC executive planned to meet officials from Seoul and Calgary, Canada, to discuss television rights for the 1988 Summer and Winter Games, Berlioux added. The Executive Board also considered a report by the Los Angeles organizing committee which will be presented to the full IOC session starting on Thursday.

A total of 78 of the 82 IOC members will attend the three-day session.

Swedish cagers top group

LISBON, May 26 (R) — Sweden and The Netherlands led the standings in the Lisbon and Porto Groups of the European men's Basketball Championships challenge round Tuesday after five successive wins in the preliminaries.

The two leaders, along with favorites West Germany, Hungary Finland, Greece, Romania and Turkey will now play in Lisbon for four coveted places in the finals in Strasbourg next year.

Sweden's 85-77 win over Finland last night proved its least impressive of the competition so far. The team, already assured of a place in the playoff, failed to produce the smooth, rapid performance it has shown up to win an untidy game.

West Germany put England out of the competition 96-90 after starting uneasily against a lively English side, desperately needing points to qualify.The Germans' superior technical play overcame the English who tired quickly.

Hungary beat an inexperienced Portuguese side, who have lost every match of the competition, 92-70 using their superior height and skill to advantage.

In Oporto The Netherlands beat Belgium 82-59 outplaying them in very area of the court, while Greece crushed Turkey 75-57. The match between Romania and Bulgaria proved less of a foregone conclusion with an inconsistent Romanian side needing two periods of extra-time to beat Bulgaria who were leading by three points at half time. Both sides missed three free shots at basket during extra time after a game marked by nervous errors and flashes of skill.

In Lisbon (Group 'A'): Sweden beat Finland 85-77 (43-41): Scores: Sweden: Ngarity (25), Persson (4), Carlsson (4), Grant (11), Yttergren (2), Rahm (10), Feldreich (12) and Grundberg (17). Finland: Zitting (5), Kasko (10), Lignell (22), Saarrelainen (28), Keikkinen (2), Santantila (8) and Svievinen (2).

West Germany beat England 96-90 (46-41): West Germany: Hundson (18), Heidrinch (2), Strauss (13), Peters (10), Blab (6), Pappert (2), Kuhtz (14), Sowa (5), Arpe (8), Lodders (10) and Wadehn (8). England: Tatham (12), Philip (12), Johnson (16), Simpson (16), MacAuley (2), Clarke (14), Richards (13) and Willings (5).

Hungary beat Portugal 92-70 (41-34): Hungary: Kamaras (2), Kucsera (2), Moss (2), Kiss (31), Horvath (7), Goczan (6), Somogyi (6) Sucz (17) and Recska (19). Portugal: Eustacio (5), Seica (4), Lisboa (10), Baganha (8), Luis (4), Pinheiro (14), Cardoso (2), Pereira (16), Santiago (3) and Paiva (4).

In Oporto (Group 'B'): Netherlands beat Belgium 82-59 (50-26): Netherlands: Vlieta (11), Esvelt (6), Wiel (15), Plaat (4), Hagens (8), Faber (6), Kragtwijk (12), Lagemaat (6), Helftern (4), Bruinsma (8) and Noord (2). Belgium: Rogiers (6), Stollenber (2), Den Bosch (8), Reynders (4), Peters (9), Huysmans (4), Vermeersch (8), and Samaey (18).

Graham Gooch...magnificent, unbeaten 198.

Sockers put up stiff resistance

TORONTO, May 26 (AP) — Juan Carlos Molina of Argentina scored the final goal and Ace Ntsolengoe of South Africa passed the 200-point mark in his North American Soccer League career scoring with two assists to give Toronto Blizzards a 3-1 win Tuesday over the San Diego Sockers.

Duncan Davidson of Scotland, in his first start of the season, placed the ball into the left corner of the net to give Toronto a 1-0 lead. San Diego tied the score less than eight minutes later when Socker midfielder Kaz Denya, 34, of Poland, pounced on a rebound that glanced off Toronto defender Robin Bank of England, to despatch it into the goal.

Toronto regained the lead at 75:36 on a play set up by Ntsolengoe, who is the seventh all-time NASL leading scorer with 201 points. Ntsolengoe, who assisted in Davidson's goal earlier in the game, sent a cross to the middle of the field as David scored the side's second goal.

Toronto added another to make it 3-1 as Cliff Calvert, making his second start of the year, assisted in Molina's goal.

Ex-Olympian injured

MILAN, Italy May 26 (AP) — Livio Berruti, the retired Italian sprinter who won a gold medal in the Olympic Games in 1960, suffered multiple fractures in a road accident on the Turin-Milan highway Tuesday, police reported.

He was reported in critical condition at a hospital in nearby Novara where he was taken after his car crashed into the rear of a truck.

In the 1960 Rome Olympics, Beruti upset the favorite American athletes in the 200-meter race. After retirement Beruti became the head a sporting division of the Fiat Auto Group.

Helps Essex to fluent win

Gooch at dazzling best

LONDON May 26 (AP) — Former England Test opener Graham Gooch, banished from international cricket because of the recent "rebel" tour of South Africa, slammed a magnificent 198 not out for Essex Tuesday to record the highest ever one-day score in this county.

Gooch, the most promising batsman in England and tipped as a future captain before receiving his three-year ban, made the score in a Benson and Hedges match against Sussex at Hove, bettering the 177 hit seven years ago by West Indian Gordon Greenidge.

Gooch completed his century in 140 minutes and shared in a huge unbeaten stand with his skipper Keith Fletcher. Fletcher hit 101 not as Essex piled up 327 for two in the allotted 55 overs.

Faced with an enormous target, even Sussex's impressive array of batsmen could get nowhere near the mark and they were bowled out for 213. Essex winning by 114 runs to record its second success in this years competition.

Another former England player, Derbyshire's Barry Wood, was also in the runs, making 106 in an excitingmatch against Worcestershire. South African Peter Kirsten made 53, while Worcestershire's New Zealand opener Glenn Turner hit 78.

Overseas century maker was Clive rice, captain of county champions Nottinghamshire. After his team's disastrous start against unfancied Scotland, Rice slammed an unbeaten 130 out of notts' total of 242 for 6.

Meanwhile Bob Willis, England's new cricket captain, could miss the Prudential Trophy One-Day series against India next week. Willis, appointed skipper in place of Keith Fletcher, has a torn muscle in his side.

The injury Tuesday ruled the 32-year-old fast bowler out of the Warwickshire side that met Lancashire at Old Trafford and Willis admitted the injury was causing him concern.

"I missed a Sunday League game in the hope that I could play against Lancashire, but it has not worked out that way," he said. "I am going back to Birmingham for more treatment and I hope I make it in time for the One-Day series."

Willis, however, was making no predictions. "I am taking things day by day," he said. The Prudential series opens at Headingley on June 2.

At Glasgow: Nottinghamshire beat Scotland by 93 runs. Nottinghamshire 242 for six innings closed (C. Rice 130 not out: P. Todd 59). Scotland 149 for eight innings closed (R. Swan 69: K. Savelby three for 24).

At Hove: Essex beat Sussex by 114 runs. Essex 327 for two innings closed (G. Gooch 198 not out: K. Fletcher 101 not out). Sussex 213 in 142.2 overs (T. Le Roux 42: G. Gooch three for 24).

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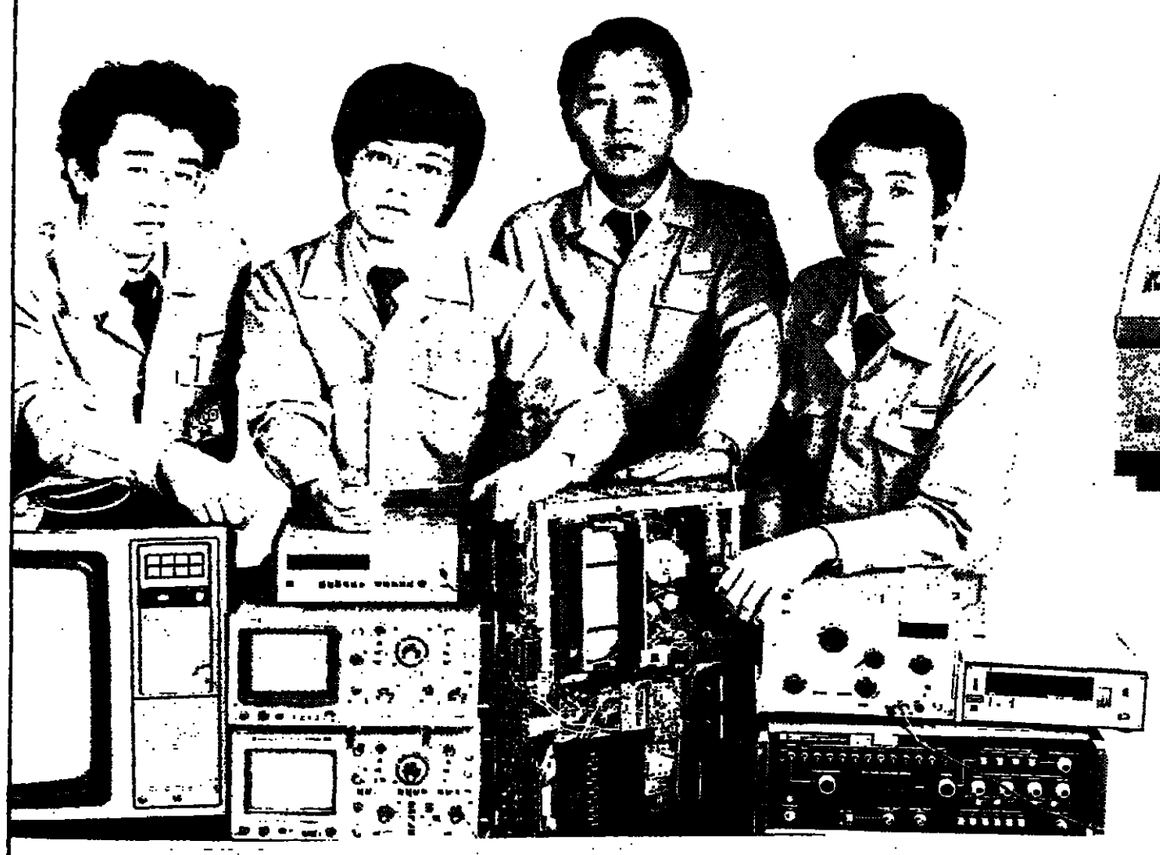

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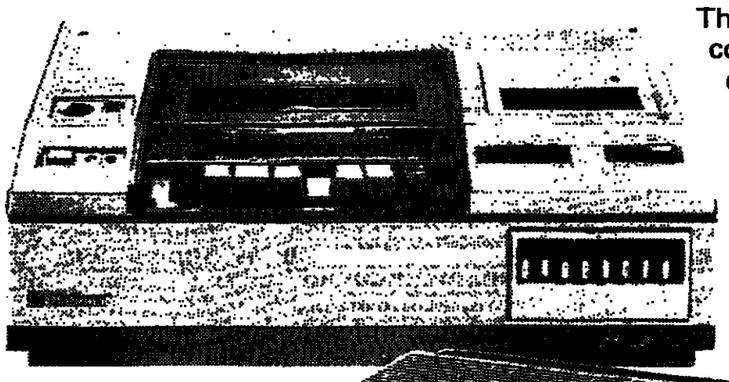

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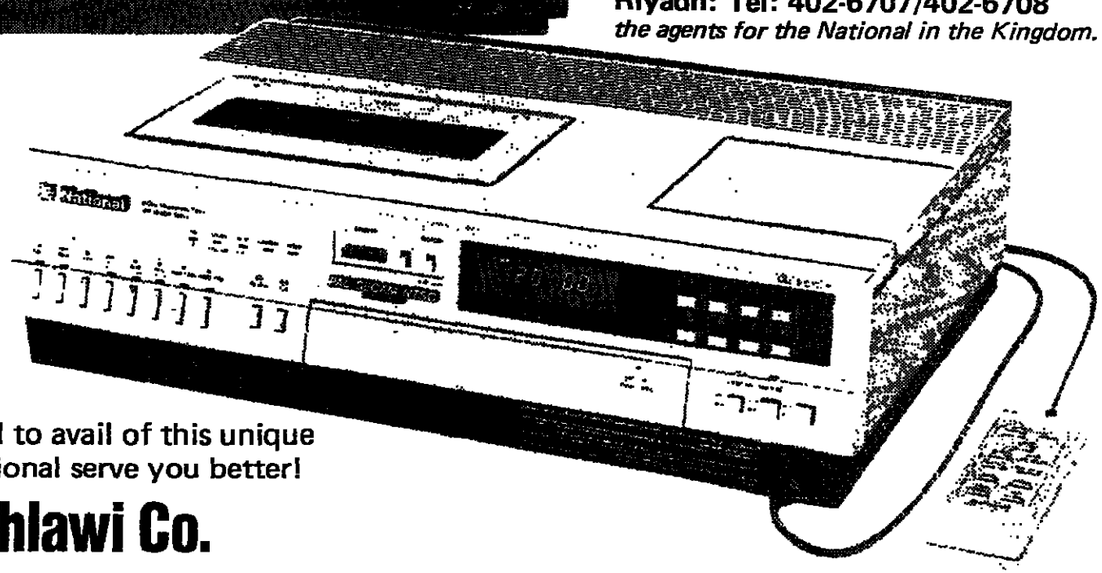

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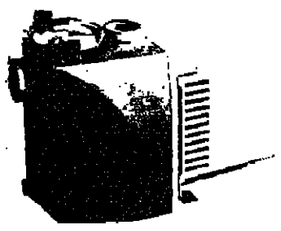

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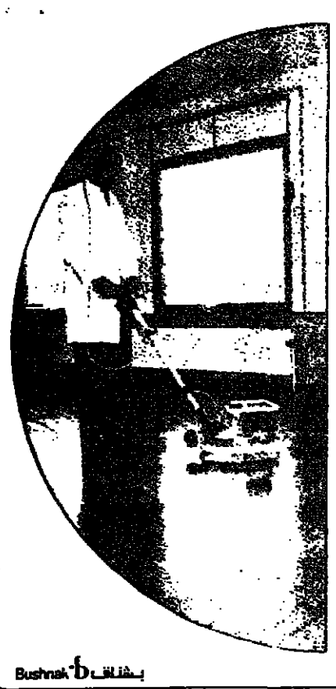

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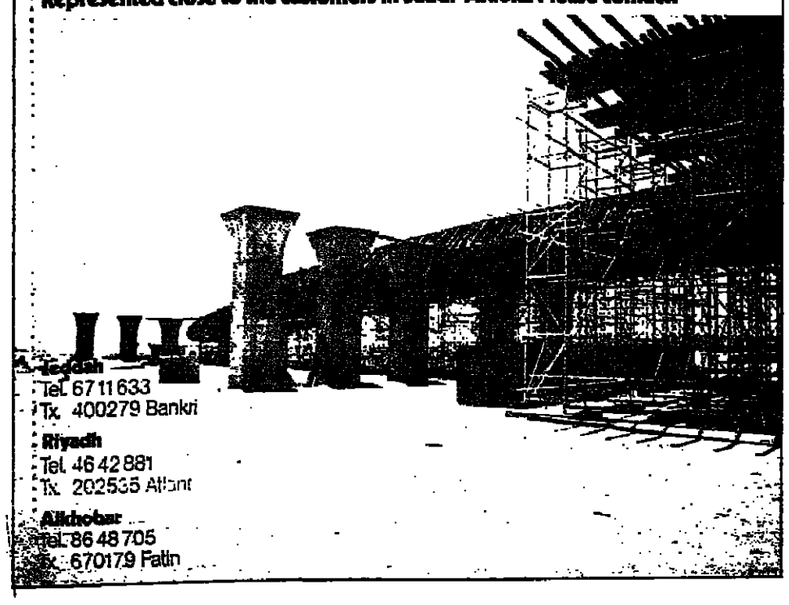

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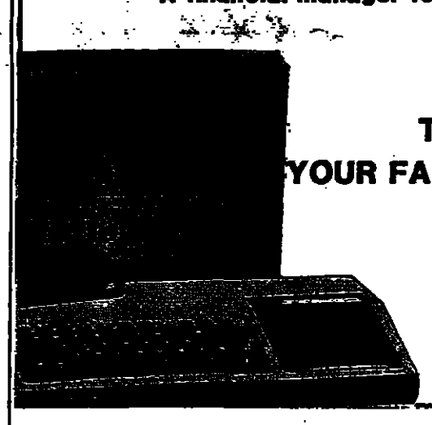

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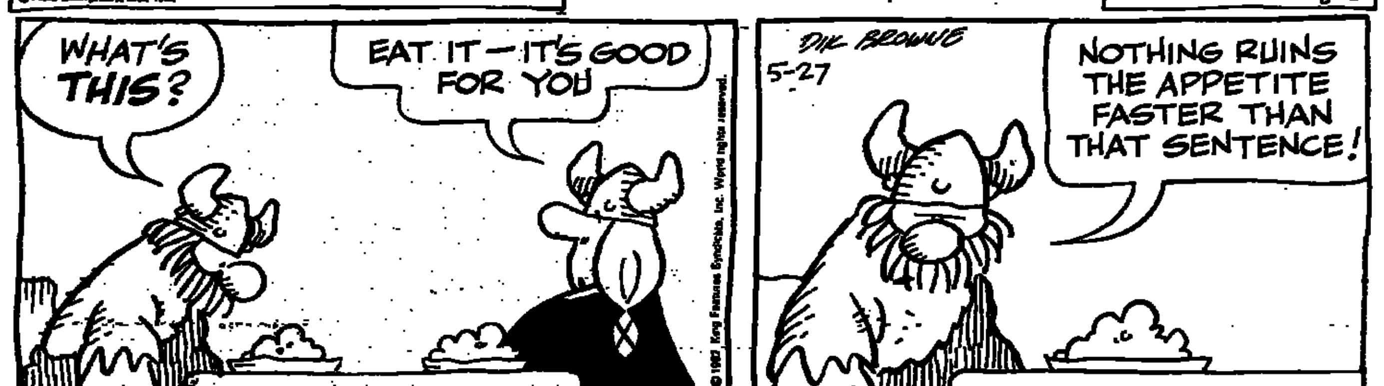

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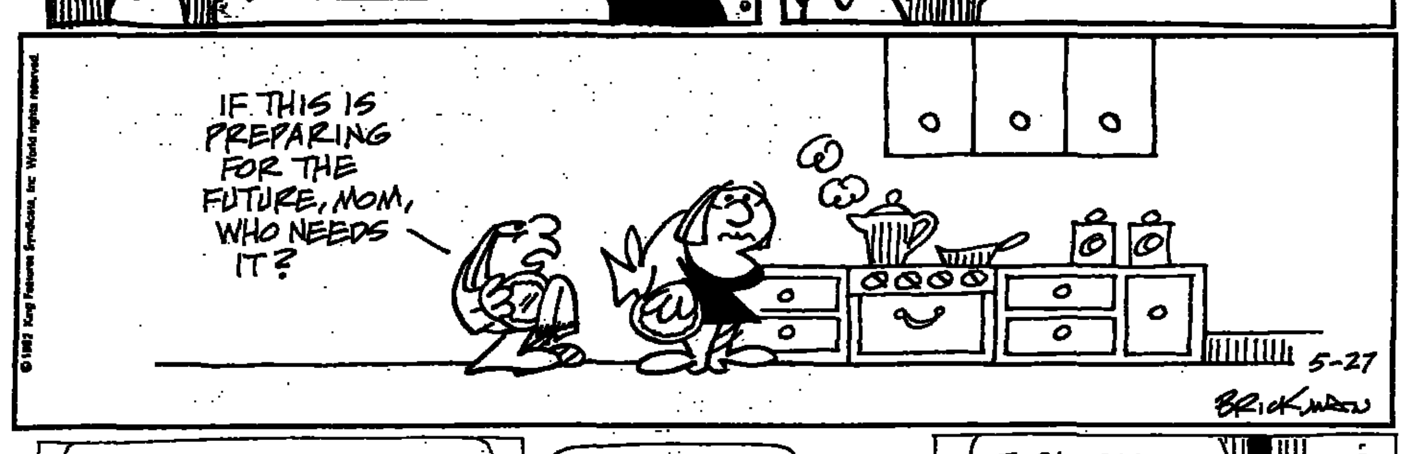

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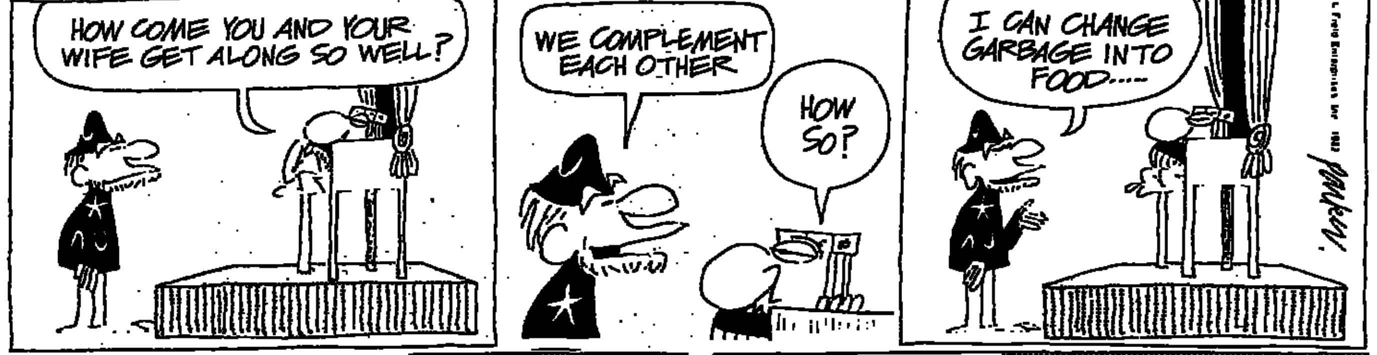

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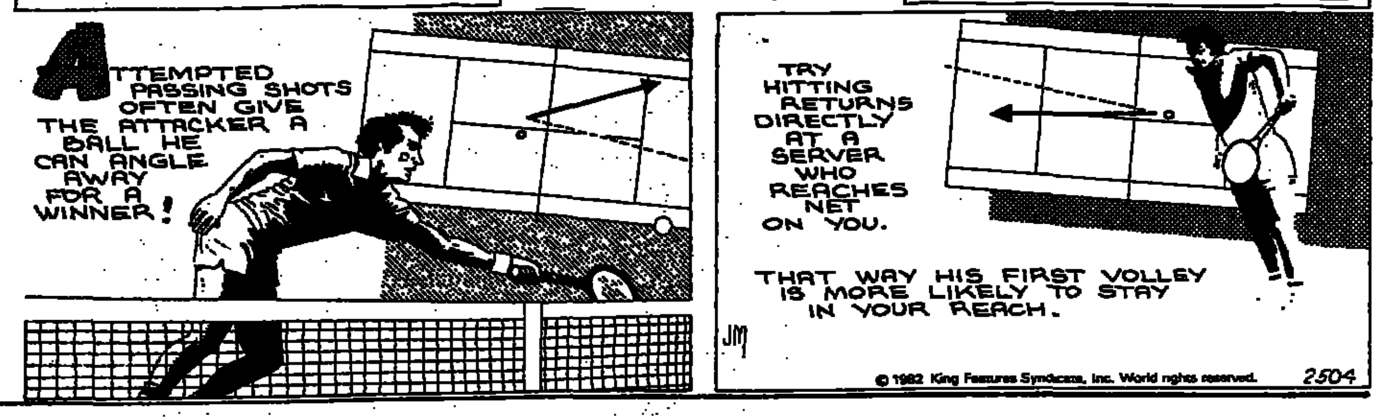

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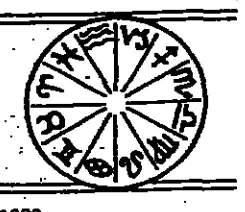

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FOR THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1982

ARIES
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Romance has thrilling possibilities and you creative ones produce inspiring work. Leisure activities are especially fulfilling.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20)
This is a good time to shop for the home or to go apartment-hunting. You may prefer to visit friends or to help the needy.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
A surprising invitation could come from a loved one. Your intellect is sharp now. Catch up on correspondence and make important calls.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
Ingenuity leads to new moneymaking chances. You may organize an office get-together or raise money for an important cause.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Artistic types are truly inspired now. Someone returns a favor from a distance. Romance and social life bring you benefits.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Behind-the-scenes career developments work out in your favor. Private business talks are fruitful. Look for new opportunities.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Little acts of thoughtfulness from a friend should please you. Impromptu get-togethers lead to making new business contacts.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Opportunities to increase income come unexpectedly. You're able to further your business interests. Past kindnesses are repaid now.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You and a loved one may plan a trip together. Romantic dreams seem about to come true. Accent is on tenderness and thoughtfulness.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
A career opportunity is made possible by a friend. Music and other cultural pursuits should be especially pleasing. Relax at home.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Loved ones should make it a point to celebrate their togetherness. Singles will enjoy romantic introductions now.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
You'll hear about a job opportunity in a surprising manner. Your charm impresses higher-ups, and you will reach your objective.

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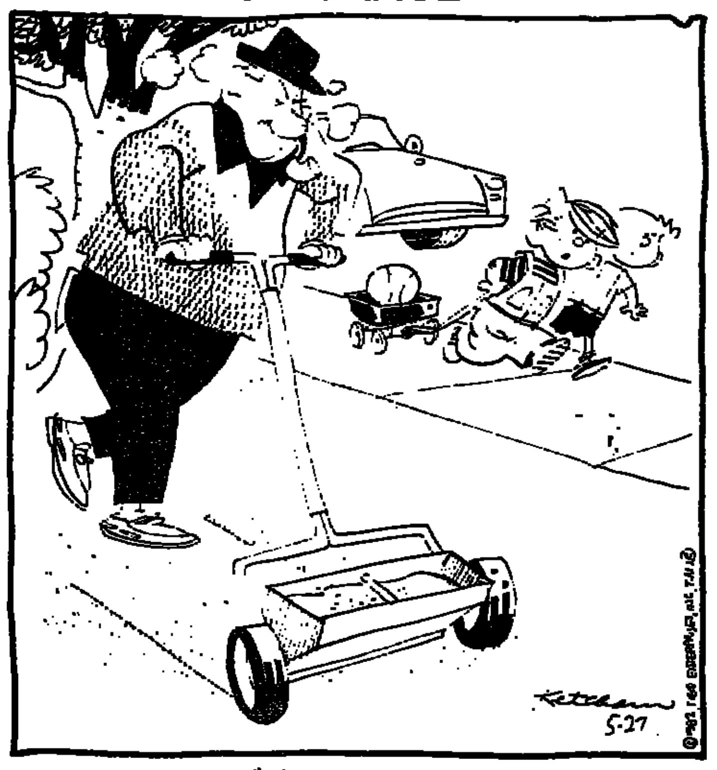

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arab news Calendar

TV Programs

Saudi Arabia
THURSDAY

9:00 Opening
— Quran
— Religious Program
— Cartoons
— Children's Magazine
— Children's Series
— Arabic Weekly Series
— Family Program
— Arabic Weekly Series
— Sports
— Selected Item
— Children's Program
— Cartoons
— Religious Program
— Books
8:15 English News
— Local Program
9:30 Arabic News
— Daily Arabic Series
— Selected Songs
— Evening Show
— Closedown

Dhahran
1:00 Wide World of Sports/No. 405
1:56 Road to Wembley/ Luton Vs Ipswich
2:55 Golden Gloves Boxing/No. 1
3:50 Children's Show/ Cartoons
4:28 Movie Matinee/ Capicorn One
6:34 Documentary/Gorilla
7:41 The Association/Date with Johnny
8:02 Novice Nurses 1. Appraisal
8:50 Benson/March's Wedding
9:11 Speical Branch/Stand and Deliver
10:00 News
Followed by Channel Features: Snow Job

Bahrain Channel 4
3:00 Quran
— Religious Talk
3:20 Program Preview
3:25 Cartoons
4:30 Film
6:00 Religious Program
7:00 Daily Arabic Series
8:00 Arabic News
8:35 TV Magazine
9:30 Tomorrow's Programs
9:35 Daily Arabic Series
10:25 English Film
11:30 News

Bahrain Channel 55
6:00 Program Preview
6:05 Cartoons
6:30 Lassie
7:00 News
7:50 International Zone
8:00 Sapphire and Steel
8:30 Ruck Rodgers
9:25 Tomorrow's Programs
9:30 Film, followed by News Summary

DUBAI Channel 10
4:00 Holy Quran
4:15 Religious Talk
4:30 Cartoons
5:00 Children's Program
5:30 Cartoons
6:00 Documentary
6:30 TV Magazine
7:30 Local News
8:00 Twelve O'clock High
8:55 The Quran Explained
9:00 Arabic Drama
10:00 World News
10:30 Songs
10:45 Arabic Film

DUBAI Channel 33
5:00 Holy Quran
5:15 Cartoons
5:30 Spiderman
6:00 The Muppets
6:30 Bedtime Story
6:35 Phyl and Mikhy
7:00 Police Surgeon
7:30 Local News
7:35 Barney Miller
8:00 Twelve O'clock High
8:55 Islamic Horizons
9:05 Tale of Two Cities
9:30 Ladies Man
10:00 World News
10:30 Tom Jones
10:55 Indian Film

QATAR
6:00 Quran
6:15 Religious Talk
6:30 Cartoons
6:45 Folk Dances
7:45 Museums Without Walls
8:30 Comedy

Radio Programs

Radio Jeddah
Jeddah MW 1485 Khz
FM 98 Mh
SW 11.855 Mhz

Afternoon Transmission

Time Thursday
1:00 Opening
1:01 Holy Quran
1:06 Program Review
1:07 Light Music
1:15 Feel Free
1:45 Window on the World
2:15 Billboard's Hot 50
2:45 Viewpoint
2:55 Light Music
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Garlands In Cash
3:45 Gems of Guidance
3:50 Closedown
Evening Transmission
8:00 Opening
8:01 Holy Quran
8:06 Program Review
8:07 Light Music
8:10 Music Worldwide
8:40 Islamic Activities In Focus
8:55 World Classics
9:25 Light Music
9:30 NEWS
9:40 Saudi Arabia Daily Chronicle
9:45 Poetry and Music
10:00 On Islam
10.10 Eve & Her World
10:20 Pop Variety
10:50 Lounder than Words
11:00 Concert Choice
11:45 A Rendezvous With Dreams
12:00 Closedown

Radio Riyadh
Riyadh AM 1224 Khz
FM 98 Mhz
MW 245.98 Meters
Dammam AM 1098 Khz

Thursday

14:00 Holy Quran
14:06 Summary
14:07 Islamic Program
14:12 Musical Potpourri
14:42 Short Story
15:00 News
15:15 From the press
15:20 Variety
15:30 Children's Program
15:59 Program Summary
16:00 French Program
20:00 Holy Quran
20:05 Summary
20:06 On Islam
20:16 Top of the Pops
2046 Reportage

21:06 Hits in Germany
21:30 News
21:45 Daily Chronicle
21:50 Around the world
22:40 Spotlight
22:50 Featured Pop
23:20 Higher & Roundabout
23:45 Today's Diary
23:48 News Headlines
23:53 Program Summary
23:55 Holy Quran
midnight Closedown.

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Longueurs d'ondes:
— FM 98 Megahertz
— Onde Courte: 11.855 Megahertz dans la bande des 25m.
— Onde Moyenne: 1485 Kilohertz dans la bande des 202m.
Horaire
8h00 Ouverture; Versets Et Commentaire;
8h05 Bonjour
8h20 Varietes;
8h30 Magazine de la Semaine;
8h45 Musique;
9h00 Informations. Lumiere sur les informations.
9h15 Musique
9h30 Les Compagnons du Prophet
9h45 Varietes.
9h45 Musique, Cloture.
Heure:
18h00 Ouverture; Lumieres sur le Coran;
18h10 Musique Classique;
18h15 Arab Radio Rediff
18h30 Musique
18h45 Panorama
19h00 Panorama
19h15 Rayaume sur la voire du pregres
19h30 Informations; Rvue de Presse:
19h45 Cloture.

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Mideast Service

0300 World News & News about Britain
0315 Radio Newsreel
0330 Listening Post
0345 Comedy Show
0415 Outlook
0445 Talks: The Poem Itself
0500 World News & Review of the British Press
0515 Network U.K.
0530 Assignment
0600 World News & News about Britain
0615 The World Today
0630 My Word!
0700 Newsdesk
0730 Classical Record Review
0745 Financial News
0755 Reflections
0800 World News & 24 Hours:
0830 Peebles' Choice
0845 The World Today
0900 Newsdesk
0930 Nature Notebook
0940 The Farming World
1000 World News & 24 Hours
1030 Country Style
1045 Network U.K.
1100 World News
1109 Reflections
1115 World Service Short Story
1130 John Peel (Progressive Rock Music)
1200 World News & British Press Review
1215 The World Today
1230 Financial News
1240 Look Ahead
1245 The Concerto Learning from Experience
0115 Reading: The Moon and Sixpense
0130 My Word!
0200 World News & News about Britain
0215 Talks: The Poem Itself

0230 Assignment
0300 Radio Newsreel
0315 Top Twenty
0345 Sports Round-up
0400 World News & 24 Hours
0430 Network U.K.
0445 The Pleasure's Yours
0530 Discovery
0600 Radio Newsreel
0615 Outlook
0700 World News & Commentary
0715 Assignment
0745 The World Today
0800 World News
0809 Meridian
0840 Waveguide
0845 Sports Round-up
0900 World News & News about Britain
0915 Radio Newsreel
1000 Outlook:
1059 Stock Market Report
1043 Look Ahead
1045 Report on Religion
1100 World News & 24 Hours
1130 A Jolly Good Show
1215 Ulster Newsletter
1220 In the Meantime
1230 Business Matters
0100 World News & The World Today
0125 Book Choice
0130 Financial News
0140 Reflections
0145 Sports Round-up
0200 World News & Commentary
0215 Merchant Navy Program
0230 Meridian

VOA
Thursday

0600-0700 Daybreak: News, Regional and Topical Reports
0700-0800 The Breakfast Show: News, Informal Presentation
0800-0900 Daybreak/Breakfast Show
1800 News Roundup
1830 VOA Magazine Show
1900 Special English News
1910 Special English Science and Technology Report
1915 Special English Feature: The Making of a Nation
1930 Now Music USA
2000 News Roundup
2030 Dateline
2100 Special English News
2110 Special English Science and Technology Report
2115 Special English Feature: The Making of a Nation
2130 Now Music USA
2200 News Roundup
2230 VOA Magazine Show
2300 Special English News
2310 Special English Science and Technology Report
2315 Music USA Jazz
2400 VOA World Report

Morning Frequencies (06:00- 10:00)

KHz	Meters
15260	19.7
11760	25.5
9760	30.7
6040	49.7
9700	30.9
9700	30.9
6015	49.8
1260	238

Evening Frequencies (18:00- 01:00)

KHz	Meters
15260	19.7
15205	19.7
11760	25.5
9760	30.7
6040	49.7
9700	30.9
6015	49.8
1260	23.8

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TAIF
Al-Masyaf Pharmacy — Al-Subaiei Building
Al-Bori Pharmacy — Al-Bori Building
Al-Qathami Pharmacy — [illegible]

MADINAH
Al-Badi Pharmacy — Al-Awali Street, Near Al-Zahra'e Hospital
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Al-Salheyyah Pharmacy — Central Hospital Square
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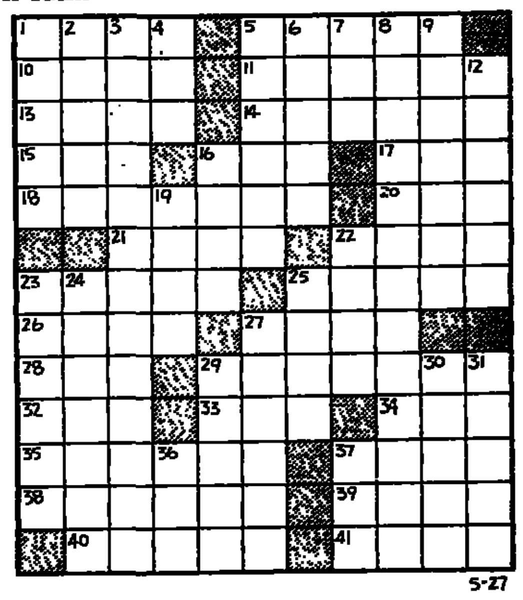
Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

Yesterday's Answer

ACROSS
1 Italian house
5 Animal
10 — my word!
11 Be — (mistaken)
13 Debacle
14 Greek moon goddess
15 Do badly
16 Table feature
17 Season after printemps
18 Regal
20 Gratuity
21 Flounder
22 Smooth consonant
23 European juniper
25 Epeeist's move
26 Descended
27 Remainder
28 Hebrew measure
29 Cougar
32 Wood core
33 Statute
34 Before
35 Entertain
37 Falling out
38 Garland
39 "— of Tralee"
40 Swap
41 Detail

DOWN
1 Medical boons
2 Nautical direction
3 Bad-tempered
4 Emmet
5 The abject way
6 Mournful verse
7 Wholly
8 Add an incentive
9 Going on bivouac
12 Home of the brave
16 Incline
19 Taunt
22 Stone's "— for Life"
23 Bogart film
24 Nourishment
25 season
27 Flower cluster
29 Whitened
30 Expunge
31 juniper
36 Okla. town
37 — Lanka



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

LQWJW GJW LCZ FZZR LQYUFD YU XYAW — AJWWRZB ZA LQZNFQL GUR AJWWRZB ZA GILYZU. — C. DZBWJDWL BGNFQGB

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE GREATEST WEALTH IS TO LIVE CONTENT WITH LITTLE, FOR THERE IS NEVER WANT WHERE THE MIND IS SATISFIED.—LUCRETIUS

Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

An Expensive Play

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠A J 4
♡9 8 3
◇A J 9 5 2
♣J 6

WEST
♠7 6 2
♡J 6 4 2
◇7 4
♣10 8 5 3

EAST
♠Q 10 9 8 3
♡Q 7 5
◇K 6
♣A 7 2

SOUTH
♠K 5
♡A K 10
◇Q 10 8 3
♣K Q 9 4

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT

Opening lead — seven of spades.

The opening lead is often the most important play of a hand, but unfortunately it is frequently only a shot in the dark. Admittedly, the defender on lead has the bidding to guide him in the right direction, but this does not necessarily point him to the most effective lead. As a result, the opening leader, faced with the choice of two or more reasonable possibilities, frequently guesses wrong.

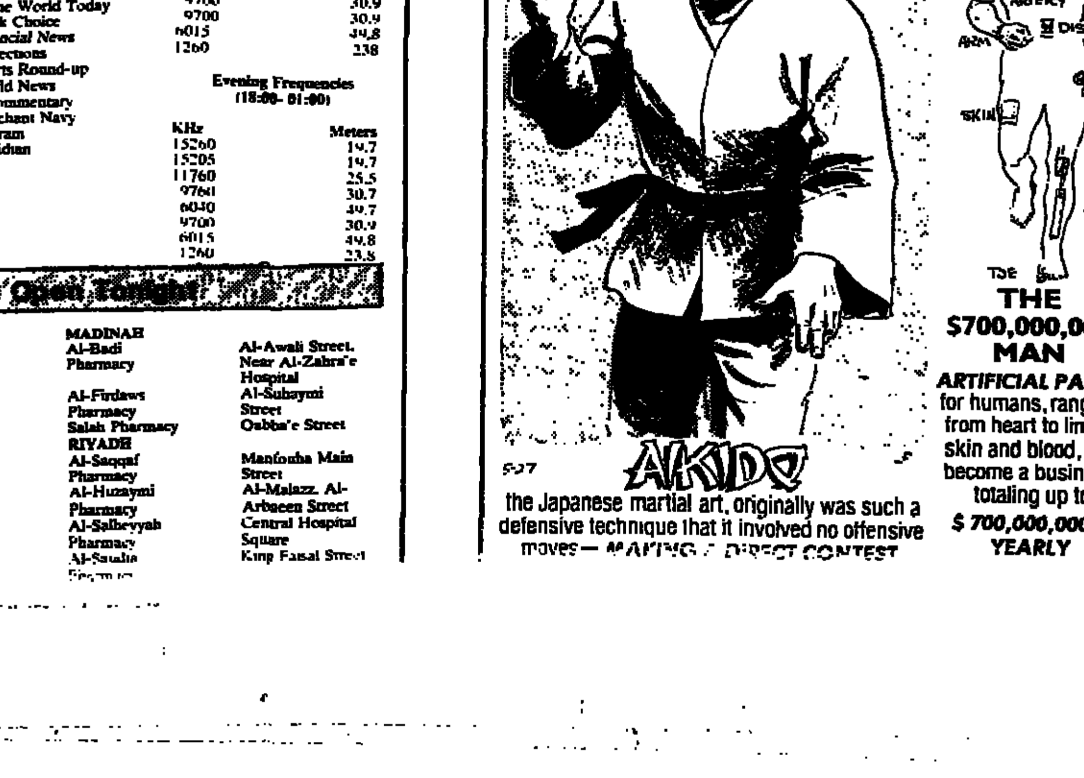
West had little to go on in the present case and decided to aim for partner's best suit. Accordingly, he led a spade This proved successful when declarer, seizing the opportunity for what seemed a free finesse, played the jack from dummy, covered by East with the queen.

Declarer took the king and tried a diamond finesse which lost to the king. East forced out the ace of spades and South went down one when East later scored the ace of clubs as well as his spades.

West's spade lead turned out well, but it would have proved futile had declarer reacted properly. South's play of the jack at trick one was wrong, since it opened te avenue to defeat in a hand where he could have assured the contract by playing the four from dummy.

Though he had no good reason to assume a short-suit lead from West, South should have provided against that contingency by playing low from dummy. He could then try the diamond finesse, not caring a tinker's dam if it lost, since East would be unable to make a damaging return.

South could then force out the ace of clubs to guarantee at least ten tricks, and could do so without risking the contract. The "free finesse" wasn't free at all. On the contrary, it proved to be very expensive.



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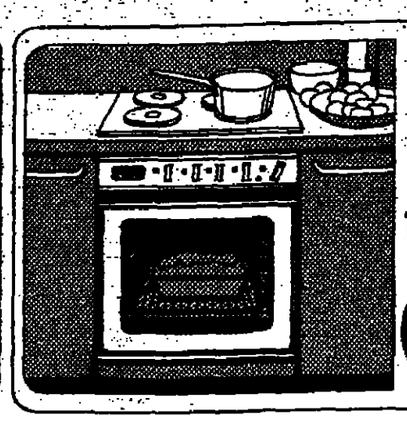
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Pentagon spells out military strategy

WASHINGTON, May 26 (AP) — The Reagan administration spelled out its defense strategy anew last week to dispel misconceptions that the United States would "initiate offensives all over the world" to counter any Soviet threat to Western Europe, a senior Pentagon official said.

National Security Adviser William Clark last week explained the strategy in a speech which was widely regarded as a new formulation of the Reagan administration's national security policy.

However, the main elements of this strategy had previously been stated by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in public speeches last year and elaborated in his annual report to Congress in February. The report indicated that the United States, would be prepared to strike at specific areas of Soviet interest and vulnerability anywhere if the Soviets moved against Western Europe. It did not mention a simultaneous global counteroffensive, defense officials have said.

Meeting with reporters Tuesday, the senior officials said they felt it necessary to clarify Weinberger's strategic intent because of what they referred to as "misinterpretations" which have become rooted since he first enunciated the strategy last May.

"We wanted to make it as clear as possible that we had never mentioned there would be a wild expansion (of fighting) all over the world," one official said.

These officials, who spoke under ground rules preserving their anonymity, said that Clark's speech did not change the Weinberger strategy. They denied there were any differences between the Defense Department and the National Security Council on the strategy.

However, these officials acknowleged certain elements were added, including a new stress on the importance of military aid in the total U.S. strategy.

Also, officials said, a "sequential element" was introduced into the strategy and that is a provision for U.S. forces to strike at a series of objectives around the world to counter any Soviet attack on Western Europe by throwing the Soviets off balance and relieving pressure on the European front.

Austrian leader begins talks with Brezhnev

MOSCOW, May 26 (R) — Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger began talks Wednesday with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, Tass news agency said. Official sources in Austria said Kirschschlaeger would probably propose Vienna as the site of a Soviet-U.S. summit meeting this year.

Brezhnev, responding to President Reagan's proposal for a summit in New York, last month suggested a meeting in a European country this autumn, possibly Finland or Switzerland. The two countries have still not agreed on the timing or location for talks. The last summit meeting was in Vienna in 1979.

Next month

Madrid could attend NATO summit

MADRID, May 26 (R) — Greece's ratification Tuesday of Spanish membership of NATO means formalities will probably be completed in time for Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo to attend the alliance's summit next month, officials here said. Barred from NATO during the Franco rule, Spain was admitted to the alliance by its foreign ministers last December and the Greek parliament was the last to ratify the decision.

Calvo Sotelo, who was being voted into power last year when 300 rebel civil guards failed in a right-wing coup attempt, has made NATO membership his top foreign policy aim. He sees membership of the alliance as furthering Spain's integration into the Western bloc, thereby strengthening its young democratic institutions. He also hopes NATO will provide the armed forces with concerns other than internal security, which was their principal mandate in the Franco era.

For NATO, Spain will provide a key strategic link. Its Canary Islands lie along the Atlantic route used by 400 ships a day, including oil tankers too big for the Suez Canal. Its Balearic Islands and southwest region allow for close control over the western Mediterranean and the north African coast.

Spain's location has been at the service of the West's defense since 1953 when Gen. Franco and U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bilateral pact. Officials of both countries have been negotiating for a year to renew the agreement and insist it will be signed this week.

Difficulties, which officials refuse to enumerate, have plagued the talks and last week forced postponement of a visit by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig. Spokesmen deny that the Falklands crisis, in which Spain is torn by conflicting loyalties, is to blame.

But the Spanish press has quoted sources close to the negotiations as saying the Falklands conflict raised the question of how Madrid would react in the event of U.S. operations against a country with which Spain was friendly. Officials also insist that the dispute over Gibraltar, the British rock colony long claimed by Spain, is separate from the Falklands crisis, despite constant parallels drawn by the press and the public.

The Falklands crisis caused postponement to June 25 of negotiations on Gibraltar and the simultaneous opening of the Spanish-Gibraltar border, closed by Gen. Franco in 1969, but officials of both governments say privately the date could be pushed back once again. NATO membership was long thought to provide the formula for solving the dispute but it now looks unlikely that it will be over before Spain joins the alliance.

The opposition has urged the government to insist on the return of Gibraltar before joining NATO. Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez-Llorca was quoted here last October as saying that Spain would quit the alliance if the colony was not regained but the government played down the reports.

Spain has insisted that, like Norway and Denmark, it will not allow nuclear weapons to be used or stored on its soil. Its parliament has passed a law saying only it can change the proviso. Defense Minister Alberto Oliart has said that Spain's contribution will be in conventional forces in which, he said, the alliance was weakest.

Moro trial told of arms buying

ROME, May 26 (AP) — A former steward of Italy's Alitalia Airlines told the trial of the alleged Red Brigades killers of former Premier Aldo Moro that he had purchased arms in the United States for Italy's most feared terrorist group.

Carlo Brogi, being tried on charges of membership in an armed band and with terrorist activities, also said in his second day of testimony Wednesday that the Red Brigades had contacts with West German, French and Irish terrorist groups and that they once explored the possibility of keeping common arms caches in Italy.

However, he said he could not confirm statements by other terrorists-turned-informers that Italian urban guerrillas were trained abroad.

Brogi, who has turned state's evidence after his arrest two years ago, said he acted as an "arms carrier" of the Red Brigades between June and October 1978.

"I made at least ten trips to the United States and back to Italy, buying weapons requested by the organization in New York shops. I also paid in dollars, given me by (Mario) Moretti," a Red Brigades leader, Brogi said. He did not provide any details about how he managed to smuggle the arms into Italy.

Mario Moretti is among the 23 defendants charged with the kidnapping and assassination of Moro in 1978. Forty other defendants in the trial are charged with various terrorist crimes, including 17 murders.

On disarmament

Socialists hail Big-2 moves

HELSINKI, May 26 (AFP) — U.S. and Soviet declarations in favor of reopening disarmament talks were cautiously welcomed Wednesday by Finnish Social Democrat Party Chairman Kalevi Sorsa, as he opened a working meeting of the Socialist International.

Sorsa noted the U.S. and Soviet initiatives "seem to respond to demands presented by the new peace movements." But he added: "It is obvious, however, that these proposals are far from mutually compatible and thus do not yet form a common ground for meaningful disarmament negotiations."

Sorsa said: "We consider this only a starting point, and expect that the parties concerned have the good will to negotiate and thus also to make the necessary compromises." Sorsa, who also chairs the Socialist International committee on disarmament, is to present proposals from the committee's draft document.

The committee is calling for the ratification of the SALT II treaty, signed in 1979 but which the U.S. Senate has not ratified. "Even if new negotiations were to start immediately, ratification would, in our view, contribute to restoring the credibility of the negotiation process," Sorsa said. The committee also wants a moratorium on nuclear weapon tests and "refraining from further production of fissionable materials."

The committee's document calls for negotiations on reduction of strategic weapons to begin "as soon as possible." Socialist International Secretary-General Bernt Carlsson said the meeting will probably adopt a resolution on East-West relations to be announced Thursday by Socialist International Chairman Willy Brandt.

About 100 delegates from 40 Socialist and social-democrat parties are taking part in the meeting, including Guillermo Ungo (El Salvador), Shimon Peres (Israel), Joop den Uyl (Netherlands), Mario Soares (Portugal), Felipe Gonzales (Spain), and Jean Ziegler (Switzerland).

But British Labor Party leader Michael Foot did not attend, as expected here. A delegation from the Sandinistan National Liberation Front from Nicaragua was invited with observer status. The Socialist International also examined four membership requests, from the Puerto Rican Independence Party, the Saint Lucia Labor Party, the Democratic Socialist Party of South Korea and the Guyana Working People's Alliance.

Carlsson said a membership request from the newly formed British Social Democrat Party (SDP) is not "at present" being studied.

2 groups claim attack on U.S. paper

ROME, May 26 (Agencies) — Two rival extremist movements Wednesday claimed responsibility for a bomb attack earlier on the offices of the American English-language newspaper *Daily News*, one in protest against Britain's Falklands policy and the other against the forthcoming visit here of U.S. President Ronald Reagan. There were no casualties but heavy damage was caused.

Police said that the bomb was placed outside the first-floor entrance of the newspaper's offices, which were empty when the device exploded early morning. The bomb was described by police sources as a "crude, powerful" device containing about half a kilogram of powder.

An anonymous telephone caller told the Italian news agency Ansa that "I am speaking in the name of the Revolutionary Armed Group to claim responsibility for the attack. The English will realize that even Italians know how to make bombs."

Shortly afterward Ansa received a telephone call from a caller claiming to represent "Communist Groups for Proletarian Internationalism" who said "we have destroyed the *Daily News* radio. It is our way of celebrating the coming arrival of the executioner (President Ronald) Reagan."

Premier Giovanni Spadolini sent a telegram to the newspaper, expressing the "solidarity" of the Italian government. He denounced the terrorist attack against the newspaper as "a vain attempt to ruin the traditionally friendly relations" between the United States and Italy.

During the past year there have been several bomb attacks on the Rome offices of American companies. President Reagan is due to visit Rome Monday, June 7, and several leftist groups have threatened a weekend of demonstrations against the proposed siting of American Cruise missiles in Sicily.

Left front takes over in Indian state

NEW DELHI, May 26 (R) — A new left front government under Communist leader Jyoti Basu was sworn in in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal Wednesday, the first time that a Marxist administration had been returned to power for a consecutive term of office in India. The Marxists scored an expected victory in last week's regional elections over Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party, which has been harmed by in-fighting in West Bengal.

The Marxists won 238 of the 294 seats in the West Bengal assembly compared with 230 in the 1977 state elections. Mrs. Gandhi's party narrowly won in an electoral alliance against another Marxist front in southern Kerala state, and was able to form governments in two other states — Haryana and Himachal Pradesh in the north.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Gandhi said Tuesday she did not think the results of last week's regional elections amounted to a defeat for her.

Mrs. Gandhi, who is under opposition attack for forming governments in two states without securing a majority, said her party had done much better than expected in many places, but she was not entirely satisfied with the results. She also accused the opposition of uniting for the sole purpose of trying to defeat her party. The opposition forced a stalemate in Himachal and Haryana states, staking claims to form governments there.

However, the Congress (I) beat the opposition in maneuvers to form governments in Himachal and Haryana. Opposition parties have called for the dismissal of Haryana Governor G.D. Tapase for inviting the Congress (I) to form the government, ignoring a Lok Dal (masses party) claim that it had a majority.

French-Soviet space shot date set

MOSCOW, May 26 (AP) — A French-Soviet crew will be launched into space June 24 for a joint research mission aboard the space station *Salyut -7*, the official Soviet news agency Tass said Wednesday.

In a rare advance announcement — the only other space shot announced beforehand was the joint American-Soviet Appollo-Soyuz mission in 1975 — Tass said that two Soviet-French crews are finalizing "preparation for the forthcoming launch into space, scheduled for June 24."

Cosmonauts Vladimir Dzhanibekov, Alexander Ivanchenkov, Jean-Loup Chretien, Leonid Kizim, Vladimir Solovyov and Patrick Baudry are holding "final training sessions" on the spaceship *Soyuz -T*, the news agency said.

Both crews will be flown to Baikonur cosmodrome for pre-launch training after completing the training cycle at the Gagarin Center, Tass added. Chretien, 41, and 34-year-old Baudry have been training in the Soviet Union for two years.

Chretien was originally scheduled to participate in the mission with Baudry in the back-up team, but a final decision was postponed when Chretien's Soviet team commander fell ill earlier this year and had to be replaced.

The French-Soviet team is expected to join Soviet cosmonauts Anatoly Berezovoy and Valentin Lebedev who boarded the *Salyut -7* space station May 14. The French cosmonaut in the joint crew will be the first non-American Westerner to fly in space.

Crocodile saves man

NAIROBI, May 26 (AFP) — A man crossing Kenya's Uasonyiro River was saved from a crocodile attack when another crocodile came to his rescue, the Kenya News Agency said. Hassan Dida was crossing the river in eastern Kenya when a crocodile bit him on the right side, the agency said.

But he managed to escape when a second crocodile, aroused by the commotion, attacked the first, mistaking it for Dida, the agency said.

Papandreou arrives for Belgrade discussions

BELGRADE, May 26 (Agencies) — Greek Premier Andreas Papandreou arrived here Wednesday for a three-day official visit to Yugoslavia. Papandreou was welcomed at Belgrade's airport by his host, Yugoslavia's first-ever woman Premier Milka Planinc.

Papandreou and Mrs. Planinc were scheduled to open talks later in the day. It was Papandreou's first visit to a neighboring Balkan country since he became the first Greek Socialist premier last October. It was also Mrs. Planinc's first meeting with a foreign counterpart since taking office last week.

Papandreou has been making calls for closer relations among Balkan countries and he recently played host to Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu. The state-run Tanjug news agency said Papandreou and Mrs. Planinc will discuss a wide range of international topics and ways to expand bilateral cooperation.

Both Greece and Yugoslavia favor greater Balkan cooperation and three conferences on the subject have been held since 1976 at Greek initiative. All Balkan countries, including Turkey but with the exception of isolationist Albania, have attended.

However, all are aware of political divisions in the region where Bulgaria and Romania are members of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact, Greece and Turkey of the NATO Western alliance and Yugoslavia a prominent member of the nonaligned movement. Another regional issue likely to come up during Papandreou's talks in Belgrade was declaring the Balkans a nuclear arms free zone, a theme that has been mentioned recently in both Athens and Belgrade, officials said.

The situation in the Mediterranean and the Middle East, detente, European problems and major world political and economic issues will be high on the agenda, the officials said. Papandreou will have no difficulty finding common ground with his hosts on many of these questions, including the Cyprus issue, diplomats said.

Yugoslavia has repeatedly called for a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus problem through inter-communal talks aimed at the restoration of the island's independence, sovereignty and nonaligned status. Ways to improve trade, long-term industrial cooperation and other bilateral economic ties were issues of particular interest to both Athens and Belgrade, the officials said.

There was speculation among diplomats here that Papandreou, in his capacity as defense minister, might visit some Yugoslav armed forces units and arms firms, but officials declined to comment. The speculation was prompted by reports from Athens that the Greek government wanted to diversify its arms supply sources in order to lessen dependence on the United States.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

A wise man once said, "there are lies, there are damned lies, and there are statistics." This column usually subscribes most enthusiastically to this view. But the fact is that statistics are always around, and sometimes they tell a tale which is worth listening to.

The point in question concerns something which any Muslim or Arab living in the West has come to know and dread, namely, that moment in conversation when your Western companion turns and says, "ah but then in your societies divorce is no easy. The man says to the wife that she's divorced and that's that — no question of rights and privileges, nothing. Just kindly show the old lady the door after saying the words and bob's your uncle.."

You protest that things are not like that at all and you get your answer. Here in the West, they pontificate, there are such things as women's rights. Equality between men and women. Financial sanctions which make sure that divorce is something which is not treated lightly, that it is only the ultimate step. You are almost convinced. But then suddenly some figures fall into your hands and the whole thing takes on a new dimension. Divorce in the West has reached epidemic proportions, so much so that the problem is more theirs than ours.

In the United States, for instance, things had reached the stage in 1980 where the divorce rate approached 50 percent of marriages. This rate itself is a 50 percent rise on the 1970 rate. The exact figure for 1980 is 2,413,000 marriages against 1,182,000 divorces. Clearly, there's something here which tells us that all those sanctions, all those rights and responsibilities, are not working, that the West ought to be far less complacent when it addresses us on such issues.

Translated from *Asharq Al-Awsat*

Pope Paul offers to visit Argentina

VATICAN CITY, May 26 (AFP) — Pope John Paul II is prepared to visit Argentina and "may leave directly from England," Vatican radio said Wednesday. The radio said the Pope had made the proposal to Argentine President Leopoldo Galtieri in a message delivered by papal envoy Achille Silvestrini, who arrived in Buenos Aires Wednesday.

In the message, the radio said, Pope John Paul explained the reasons for his May 28-June 2 visit to Britain, stressed its exclusively pastoral character and said he was prepared to go directly to Argentina from Britain after his visit there.

(In Buenos Aires, Silvestrini said the Pope would visit Argentina for "several days" in June after his trip to Britain. A source said the visit would probably take place around June 10.

(In his message, the Pope, referring to the Falklands crisis between Britain and Argentina, said: "If it weren't for the tragic events which occurred last week in the South Atlantic, my trip would need no justification," and added it was necessary to "plead for the triumph of peace over war.")

GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min C	Min F	Max C	Max F			Min C	Min F	Max C	Max F	
Amsterdam	10	50	11	52	cloudy	Madrid	14	57	29	84	rain
Athens	18	64	24	75	cloudy	Manila	23	73	34	93	clear
Bahrain	27	81	33	91	clear	Mexico City	15	59	28	82	clear
Bangkok	28	82	32	90	clear	Miami	24	75	29	84	cloudy
Beirut	16	61	18	64	clear	Montreal	8	46	21	70	cloudy
Berlin	9	48	24	75	clear	Moscow	12	54	20	68	clear
Brussels	13	55	24	75	clear	New Delhi	25	77	39	102	clear
Buenos Aires	9	48	22	72	clear	New York	13	55	24	75	clear
Cairo	16	61	32	90	clear	Nicosia	19	66	28	82	cloudy
Caracas	21	70	29	84	cloudy	Oslo	8	46	14	57	clear
Chicago	11	52	20	68	rain	Paris	13	55	26	79	clear
Copenhagen	13	55	17	63	cloudy	Rio de Janeiro	19	66	23	73	rain
Dublin	9	48	16	61	cloudy	Rome	15	59	23	73	clear
Frankfurt	8	46	21	72	clear	San Francisco	11	52	19	66	cloudy
Geneva	4	39	21	70	clear	Seoul	19	66	24	75	rain
Havana	23	73	31	88	clear	Singapore	26	79	33	91	rain
Helsinki	7	45	15	59	clear	Stockholm	10	51	16	61	clear
Hong Kong	25	77	28	82	clear	Sydney	9	48	21	70	clear
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	cloudy	Taipei	22	72	32	90	clear
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	rain	Tokyo	19	66	25	77	clear
London	13	55	23	73	clear	Toronto	10	50	17	63	cloudy
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